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Kuwait urges stronger Gulf ties

BAHRAIN, Dec. 28 (Agencies) — Kuwait has called for stronger ties among the Gulf Arab states as a basis for improved security in the area. "Our concept is based on the strengthening of all relations — political, economic, petroleum, cultural and military — among the Arab states in the Gulf," he said.

The revolution in Iran, the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan and, more recently, the Iraq-Iran war have made security the main concern of the Gulf states. Saudi Arabia said recently the Gulf countries were studying its draft agreements on bilateral cooperation in security affairs as a step toward a common security pact.

Sheikh Saad said competent ministers from all seven Gulf states might meet in the near future in Kuwait to discuss the blueprint and "possibly set up a joint commission to discuss means of implementing the integrated strategy."

Saad said no effort should be spared to keep the Gulf region out of the conflict of superpowers and welcomed mediation by Turkey to resolve the Iran-Iraq war.

Sheikh Saad said the Gulf's leaders had given their blessing to the Kuwaiti concept when it was first put to them by the ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, during last month's Arab summit conference in Amman. He said the ruler wrote last week to Gulf leaders giving full details of the plan. The letters were delivered by the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah.

PLO Recognition

In another development Kuwait's new ambassador to the United States called on Washington Sunday to recognize Palestine Liberation Organization as the representative of the Palestinian people.

"Washington's refusal to talk to the PLO will only lead to escalating Middle East tensions," Sheikh Saad Nasser Al-Sabah told a news conference in this country. He was named to the Washington post two weeks ago after a six-year span as ambassador to Britain. He plans to leave to the United States within the next few days.

The United States, he said, would not be able to find a substitute for the PLO, which, he said, is already recognized by almost all countries of the world as the sole representative of the Palestinian people.

"It is high time for the United States to make some decisions and abandon its present attitude," he said.

Kuwait sets elections for Feb. 23

KUWAIT, Dec. 28 (AP) — General elections will be held in Kuwait Feb. 23 to choose a 50-man parliament that will convene early in March, the government announced. State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Abdul-Aziz Hussein reported the government's decision to reinstate parliament after a cabinet session.

It will be the third National Assembly since 1967. The previous parliament was dissolved in August, 1976.



GOING TO HOMETOWN: President Carter with First Lady Rosalynn leaves for his mother's home in Plains with a bag of gifts with an intention to spend the holidays in their hometown.



JUVAL: King Khaled leaves forward in jovial conversation between Crown Prince Fahd and an elderly citizen in Qasim Saturday. Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, listens as the man speaks to Prince Fahd. During the current tour of the region King Khaled held open audiences with thousands of well wishers to greet him.

Second Afghan official flees

KARACHI, Dec. 28 (R) — Abdul Jalil Zaland, a former director-general of music for Radio Kabul, has defected to Pakistan with members of his family, according to a Pakistani newspaper. Zaland, who is a singer, composer and poet, told the newspaper *Dawn* that he and his family crossed into Pakistan about three weeks ago after it became "humanly impossible for us to live in our country any more."

Zaland said he arrived in Karachi a few days ago from northern Pakistan's frontier province bordering Afghanistan.

Earlier Saturday Abdul Rashid Arain, deputy prime minister in Afghan President Babrak Karmal's cabinet, also fled Afghanistan, according to a report published Saturday in Islamabad's English language daily *The Muslim* newspaper, but the Pakistan Foreign Ministry said it has no knowledge of his escape. The newspaper did not say where Arain fled to.

An official of the Pakistani Ministry for Information and Broadcasting, in response to a query, said: "It is probably true. But Arain is not in Pakistan." If the report is confirmed, Arain will be the highest-ranking Afghan government official to flee his country since the Soviet intervention last Dec. 27.

Informed sources said that so far, 1.4 million Afghan refugees have crossed over the Afghan border to Pakistan, some have moved on to Iran and other countries.

Hope for closer links

Thais hail Yamani visit

By Edward Thanakrajah
Arab News Correspondent

BANGKOK, Dec. 28 — The Thai government Sunday hailed the two-day visit of Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani to Bangkok as "timely" and expressed the hope that it would lead to positive decisions to help reduce current oil problems this nation is facing.

Sheikh Yamani who flew here from the Philippines stopped over Friday-Saturday before leaving for Sri Lanka for a short stop-over enroute home.

Thai industry minister, Chatichai

Military presence for technical reasons

JEDDAH, Dec. 28 (SPA) — Defense Minister Prince Sultan said the American presence in the Kingdom was for a technical necessity which begins and ends any time the government of Saudi Arabia wishes. As the government acquires arms from different countries, it also requests and receives experts to help train the national armed forces.

Speaking to *As-Siyass* of Kuwait and *Al-Jadid* newspapers he said that the Kingdom requested and received the AWACS early warning radar system from the U.S. to bolster its already good anti-aircraft defenses. Prince Sultan said the AWACS had been requested long before the Iraq-Iran war but when the war broke out the government asked the U.S. to speed up their delivery on a loan basis.

"The Americans responded quickly because they realized the special importance and position of the Kingdom and its effective influence in the world," he said.

The presence of the planes here has been beneficial in that Saudi Arabians were able to train on them earlier than was originally planned. In fact, he said, they are taking part in operating them.

Prince Sultan said the presence of foreign military technicians here does not imply that the government is bound to their governments in any military pact or agreement. "We are free to deal with any country, any time and to terminate this relations anytime we choose," he said. "We are aware that the big

Sultan interviewed



Prince Sultan

powers are not prophets of supreme ideals and high morals but merely seekers after their own interests," he said.

Asked where the Iraq-Iranian war would lead, he said the two countries had relations with the Kingdom and he hoped that the war would end which internationally recognized rights are restored. "Nobody is going to benefit from this war," he said. "It may well lead to super power intervention and we fervently wish it to end with the recognition of international rights."

Prince Sultan said the war will not affect Saudi Arabia because of the country's good relations with both sides, but foreign intervention must be taken into account.

"He was confident of the ability of the Gulf states to defend themselves."

"There were steps to increase military coordination among the Gulf states long before this war," he said. "We are discussing it and we are sure of what we want but I hope to see greater flexibility and cooperation in the future."

Citizens honor King

BURAIDA, Dec. 28 (SPA) — King Khaled attended a luncheon party given by the people here to welcome him to Qasim. Also attending were Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, the second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Defense Minister Prince Sultan, princes, senior officials, officers and thousands of people led by the governor, Prince Abdul Illah ibn Abdul Aziz.

Speaking on behalf of the people, Dr. Sulaiman Al Mazrou, acting deputy governor, said they were delighted and honored by the visit to which they had looked forward. They were grateful to the King for taking the trouble of traveling 400 kilometers by road to see them.

Dr. Mazrou praised the King's government, which succeeded admirably in providing peace, security and prosperity for the people while maintaining strict adherence to Islam and religious principles.

Meanwhile, Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said the King agreed to extend his visit to the region by another day. He will leave Tuesday for Hail, where he will stay until Thursday.

The King arrived here from Riyadh Saturday to meet with the people and inspect the development projects in the region including the second phase of the grain silos. On Sunday morning he held an open audience with the people, who came to see him from all over the region.

While the King stays in Qasim and Unaiza, Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah and Prince Badr, deputy commander of the National Guard, will visit other parts of the region.

Prince Fahd said the visit and the spontaneous popular welcome showed the depth of mutual affection between the leader and his people. This was a clear manifestation of the King's love for his people and their loyalty to him. More such visits will be undertaken soon, he said.

Tabuk Governor Prince Abdul Majed said the royal visits to various parts of the country heralded welfare and prosperity for the citizens. Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khail said the visit and the welcome symbolized the warm relationship between the leader and the people.

Jones starts Cairo visit

CAIRO, Dec. 28 (AP) — Gen. David Jones, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, arrived in Cairo Sunday after a two-day trip to the southern resort city of Luxor where he arrived Friday coming from Israel, the official Middle East News Agency reported. During the coming two days Jones is scheduled to meet with Defense Minister Gen. Ahmed Badawi and Military Chief of Staff Gen. Muhammad Abu Ghalala, the agency said.

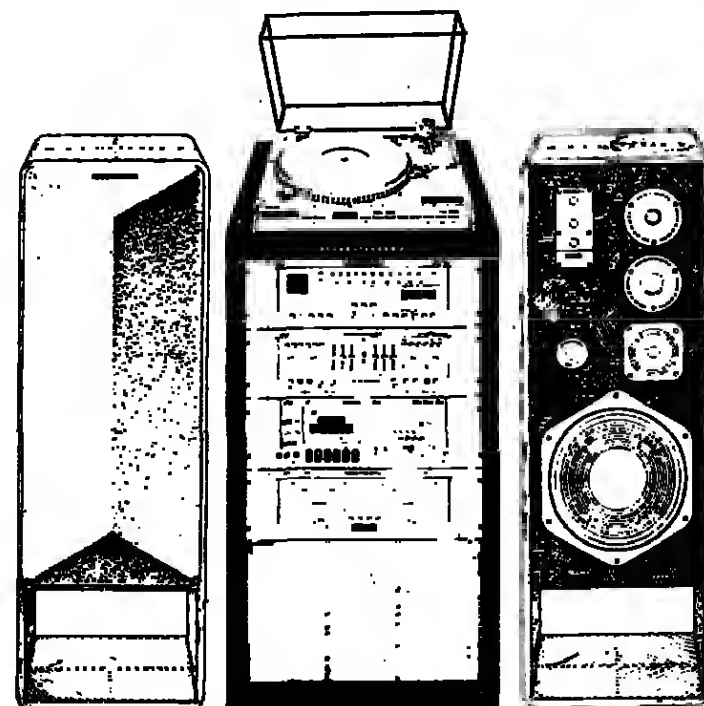
This is Jones' second trip to Egypt in two months. He was here last October for talks on Egyptian-U.S. military cooperation.

Iraq restricts visa procedure

BAHRAIN, Dec. 28 (R) — Iraq has imposed visa formalities with a number of Arab countries, including Bahrain, apparently to better control travelers to the country, official sources said Sunday. The Bahrain Foreign Ministry said Saturday Bahraini citizens needed entry visas to visit Iraq, "thus reversing free travel between the two countries."

The sources declined to name the other Arab states covered by the Iraqi measure, which they said was introduced earlier this month.

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At Arab Towns Organization meeting

Development proposals presented

By Monir Muhammad

JEDDAH, Dec. 28 — Jeddah Municipality presented a three-point proposal Sunday to increase the effectiveness and development of the Arab Towns Organization during the second day of meetings. Riyadh, Marrakesh and Mogadishu also present proposals to the organization's 16th session meeting here.

Delegates to the conference, representing 17 Arab towns, agreed to Jeddah's proposal. The proposal involves building a central information center for the Arab Towns Organization in Jeddah to be supplied with information by Arab cities. The center will be the first phase for the establishment of the Arab Urban Development Institute planned for in Riyadh.

Jeddah Municipality also proposed that a monetary prize be specified for the best architectural project carried out during the first year of the 15th century. Hijra that ends October, 1981. Conditions of the contest will be generally based on the Islamic and Arab architecture.

ATO's Secretary General, Abdul Aziz Al-Adasani, also of Kuwait, was authorized by the delegates to draw detailed conditions for the contest winner. The financial prize will go to developing the basic services facility in the town where the winner project is located. The last item of the proposal involved publishing a quarterly magazine in Jeddah under the municipality's supervision for ATO.

The permanent bureau also discussed administrative issues. The meeting reviewed ATO's relations with other Arab, Islamic and international organizations. The bureau approved cooperation with the Arab League Information Committee and union of African and American towns and cities.

Members agreed during the session that all ATO member towns participate in the 'Arab Towns' symposium to be held in Medina in January. The seminar deals with the character, special features and heritage of the Arab town. Participating towns will contribute to the seminar which includes an exhibition with

pictures and documents.

The official spokesman told newsmen at an interval between meetings that the delegates decided to hold the seventh conference of the Arab Towns Organization in Algiers sometime in 1982. The 17th session meetings of the Permanent Bureau will be held in Bahrain in 1981, he said.

Among other decisions, delegates agreed to increase the number of members of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Permanent Bureau from four to six. The new members to join Jerusalem, Rabat, Riyadh and Tunis, are Jeddah and Tripoli.

The Board of the Arab Urban Development Fund, an affiliate of ATO, met Saturday evening and discussed a report forwarded by ATO secretary general Abdul Aziz Al-Adasani, about the urban development fund's financial situation. The board observed that most Arab countries have not participated in the fund's capital so far. And the participation of those who support the fund is below the fund's financial requirements.

The board requested the Permanent Bureau to approach Arab governments call-

ing for participation and increasing the shares of others. The board also called on the permanent bureau and secretariat general to work on securing the participation of Arab companies and public and private financial institutions. So far, the fund's only financial source is the participation of governments.

By the end of 1980, the fund's cash reserves — which could be specified as loans for Arab municipalities — would amount to 3,029,096 Kuwaiti Dinars (about SR37 million). The board requested that the general secretariat add an additional condition for issuing to municipalities. The concerned government should guarantee to secure funds covering the expense of the project to be financed.

The board decided to grant loans totalling about SR38.3 million to 13 Arab municipalities. The loans granted at an interest of four per cent, are repaid in seven annual installments. The municipalities are: Rabat and Marrakesh in Morocco; Muscat in Oman; Sfax, Marsa, Monastir and Djerba in Tunisia; Tripoli, Sidon and Ghazira in Lebanon; Mogadishu in Somalia; Zarqa in Jordan; and Jeddah Municipality.



MEETING: Delegates to the Arab Towns Organization's second day of meetings gather in Jeddah to discuss development proposals.



GRADUATES: Future managers of Saudi Telephone are learning the latest management techniques in special seminars held in Riyadh. The latest graduates are Abdulla Shuraim, Riyadh District; Muhammad Al Himaydi, Qasim District; Badr Al Majideh, Qasim District; Rawaf Al Rawaf, Riyadh, general administration; Tariq Al Gamdi, Dammam District; and Sa'ad Al Harbi, Central District. Fouad Kanfer, Saudi Telephone's Assistant Director for Training, is second from the left.

Turkish ambassador denounces Zionists

Prince Saud, Chatti discuss Islamic summit

RIYADH, Dec. 28 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal met with Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, Saturday. They discussed the preparations undertaken for the upcoming Islamic Summit conference to be held in Mecca and Taif next month. The meeting was attended by Sheikh Abdul Rahman Mansouri, foreign undersecretary for political affairs.

Chatti said the meeting covered the conference's agenda, and preparations for the Islamic foreign ministers' preparatory meetings that preceded the summit. The topics discussed in detail and will be studied further to ensure good preparations for the summit conference, Chatti said.

He added that the OIC General Secretariat has specific proposals to be presented at the summit conference. The conference will discuss three factors which are political, economic and cultural issues. The political factor will discuss major political issues concerning the Islamic world at the top of which comes the question of Jerusalem, Palestine, the Iraqi-Iranian war and Afghanistan.

On economic aspects, the conference will discuss cooperation between Islamic countries, enhancing trade and securing Islamic investments in the Islamic countries. The cultural discussions will cover the role of the Islamic Solidarity Fund and its role in providing assistance for Islamic countries.

Chatti pointed out that among the main

proposals to be presented to the conferences is the 'Mecca statement', a policy aimed to achieve Islamic solidarity and cooperation between Islamic states in various fields during the coming years. The OIC had extended invitations to Islamic countries to attend the conference, Chatti said. He confirmed that the summit will be held on schedule.

Speaking about the OIC's mediation efforts between Iraq and Iran, Chatti said that certain contacts were maintained with Iraq and Iran and that hopes are placed on the summit conference to play an important role in this connection. Chatti departed Riyadh Saturday night for Jeddah after his meeting with Prince Saud.

Meanwhile, the Turkish ambassador to the Kingdom, Fikret Bereket, said Sunday that despite the fact that the conference is held at a time when differences are prevailing among some countries which will take part in the meeting, the holding of the summit is the least Islamic states can do to provide the possibility of resolving lingering differences.

Ambassador Bereket denounced the expansionist policy of the Zionist enemy in the occupied Arab land. He said that his country's recent decision to decrease the diplomatic representation with Israel was adopted after realizing that Israel does not intend to change its policy in the Middle East and regarding Jerusalem.

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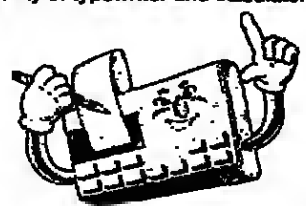
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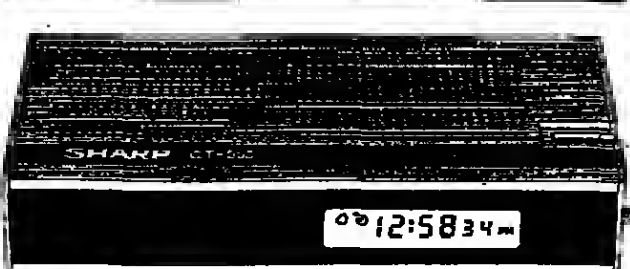
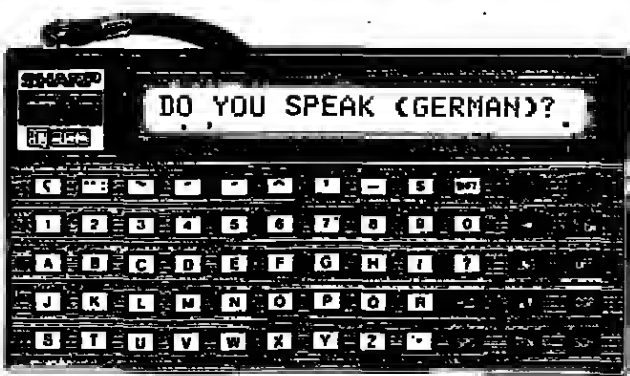
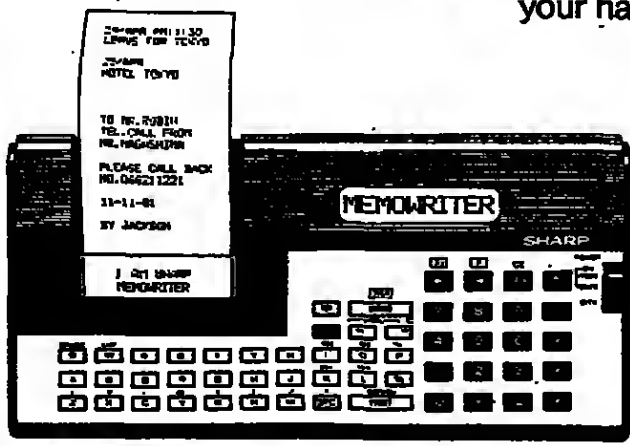
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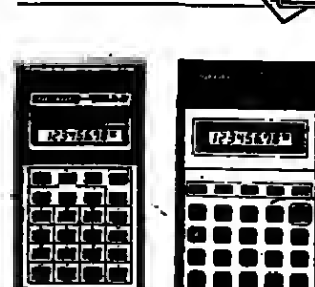
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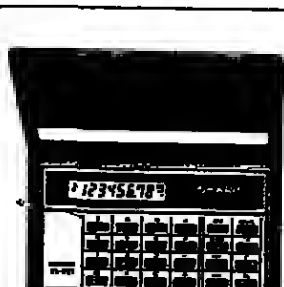


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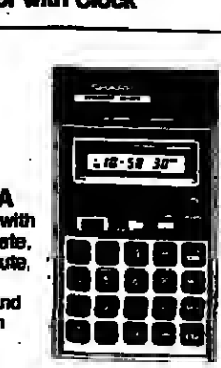
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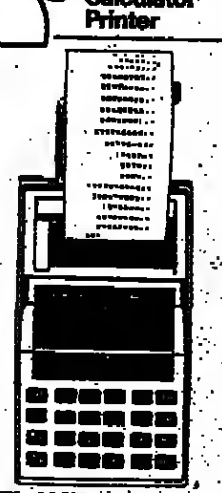
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Based on cooperation

Conference ponders Gulf development

MANAMA, Bahrain, Dec. 28 (Agencies) — Saudi Arabia participated in a six-nation Arab seminar here to map out coordinated action in mobilizing petrodollar revenues for economic development in the Gulf states and the Arabian Peninsula.

The two-day meeting was attended by government economists, bankers and industrial planners from the Kingdom, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman. "It is necessary for us to lay down the bases for a minimum range of cooperation and

coordination for collective development programs," the UAE Minister of Planning, Saeed Ahmed Ghobash, told the opening session. "Success or failure of our economic plans will not hinge on financial resources alone, but on our ability to improve administrative efficiency," he added.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have been sponsoring a flurry of Gulf-wide contacts to firm up a "collective security" plan under which combined economic development programs will be accorded top priority. Earlier, Saudi

Arabian Minister of Industry and Electricity, Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, told of a change of plans for an aluminium smelter in Jubail because of planned aluminium smelter expansion in Bahrain and Dubai. Algosabi said the move indicates Saudi Arabia's "deep commitment to industrial coordination among Gulf countries."

The cancellation in late May of the Jubail aluminium smelter plans was an important step in bringing reality to agreements made by Arabian Peninsula ministers earlier in Doha, Qatar. The Doha conference ended with resolutions to streamline joint marketing of several industrial exports, establish central manpower training facilities and develop increased production of minerals, cement and petrochemicals.

The Kingdom has been working actively for economic integration since planning ministers from seven Arabian peninsula states met at Riyadh in June, 1979. The planning ministers stressed commitment to total and complete coordination, saying coordinating development plans was only a transition period that would lead to economic unity.

Meanwhile, at the latest conference, the Bahrain Minister for Development and Industry, Yussek Shirawi, urged the wealthy countries of the region to "look ahead and avoid squandering your recent achievements" in the domains of economic and social advancement. A spokesman for the meeting said the seminar discussed economic development in "general terms" with a view to producing recommendations for the countries of the region to implement. He said the discussions were not related to a recent decision by the 11th Arab summit conference to allocate \$5 billion for economic development throughout the Arab world.

"If the seminar evolves recommendations that overlap with the (Arab Summit) resolution, then we will take another look at the overall plans and coordinate them," said the spokesman. He added that recommendations will complement the Iraq-sponsored resolution of the summit, held in Jordan last month. While the summit resolution underscored the necessity of reducing the economic disparities and increasing per capita income in the Arab countries, the Bahrain seminar dealt with ways of coordinating planning and improving administration and cooperation.

Arab economists here said the \$5 billion dollar appropriation for economic development was far less than is needed to cope with the growing demand for raising the standards of food and other industries in the Arab world. For that reason one economist said, the Bahrain meeting will accentuate the need for additional investment in industrial, agricultural and social projects in the Arabian Peninsula and the Gulf.

New safety guidelines prepared for airports

By a staff writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 28 — The Presidency of Civil Aviation unveiled new guidelines last week for comprehensive emergency plans that will be distributed to the Kingdom's civil airports.

In a series of seminars, PCA's acting president Hamza Dahbagh presented the plans that aim to galvanize airport directors, users, firemen, security forces and medics into forging and then practicing concrete plans for each airport in coordination with the surrounding community. Sheikh Hamza told Arab News that within two weeks he expects the various agencies to have appointed individual representatives to the central coordinating committees for responding to airport accidents.

COMMENT

By Saleh Muhammad Jamal

Al-Nadwa

We still suffer enormously from a lack of traffic sense — both in drivers and pedestrians. Many an accident could be averted and problems minimized if only we popularize traffic consciousness among the public.

We have observed abroad how the drivers and pedestrians abide by the rules without any traffic officials having to watch and control them. But it is contrary in our country; every driver wants to move as he wishes without any regard for the rules and regulations.

In other countries, the driver stops and allows passage to another without any direction from the traffic police, for he knows who has preference to pass. He neither jostles nor falls over the other, but in our country some attack you from right and others from left while you stand dazed not knowing what to do with the drivers' foolhardiness and disregard for the lives of others.

There also is an absence of traffic sense even in the pedestrians, who prefer to walk in the middle of the street as if they are strolling in the courtyard of their house. In most cases, they become the cause of traffic accidents.

I agree that Traffic Weeks have their utility in educating the public, but the period is so short that it fails to produce the desired result. It is, therefore, suggested that weekly programs be carried out through the media services to educate pedestrians, drivers and passengers on the importance of traffic rules. A passenger with an understanding mind can easily alert the driver, if he is forgetful, and can thus avert an accident. But what we observe is that some passengers instigate the driver to violate the rule in order to take them quickly to their destination.

True enlightenment and an understanding of dangers resulting from violations as well as a feeling for the rights of others, would seem to be the most ideal way to reach the desired goal. Let us see what the traffic department has to say about it!

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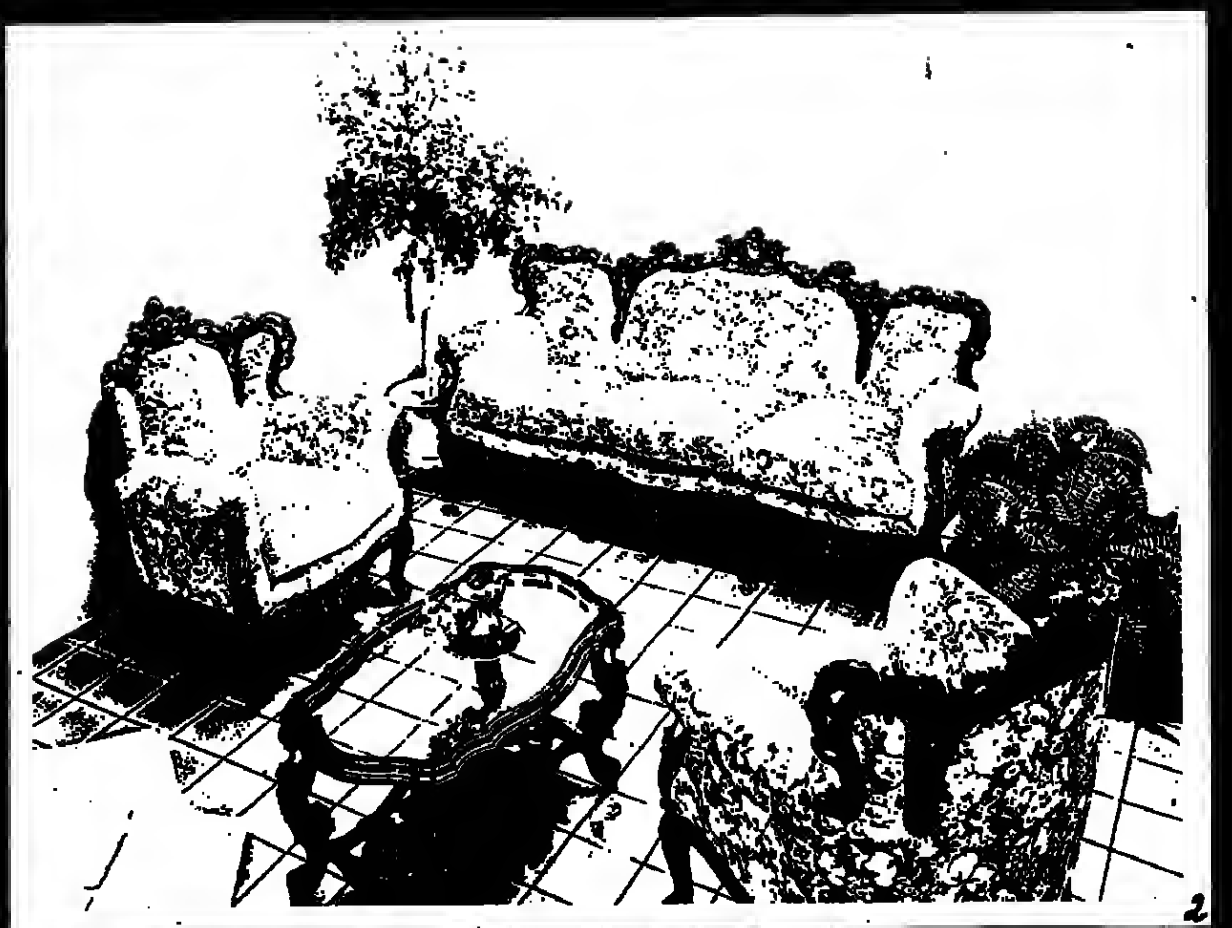


JUBILATION: Crown Prince Fahd and Second Deputy Premier Prince Abdullah taking part in a popular dance in Buraida, Qasim Region, Saturday, in celebration of the royal visit. Hundreds of others took part in a massive show of jubilation at the arrival of King Khalid in this central part of the Kingdom.



QASIM VISIT: Crowds of well-wishers thronged to see the King during his trip to Qasim. At each stop the King made, poets recited accounts of the Kingdom's development and village people offered their thanks, by staging the "Arda," the Kingdom's national dance.

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Inflation, declining society blamed for Israel's increasing emigration

TEL AVIV, Dec. 28 (LAT) — In the three decades of Israel's existence, 270,000 Israelis have left the country to live abroad, a conference on emigration, called "one of the most serious problems facing the state of Israel," was told last week.

Many of those who have left have settled illegally in foreign countries and raised families. The Jewish Agency, in a report to the Israel Zionist Council, estimated that

there are now 300,000 Israelis in the United States alone, a figure that includes emigrants and their U.S.-born children. The statistics included the years from 1948 to 1979.

Previously the Jewish Agency, which is responsible for bringing new immigrants to Israel, has played down the problem of emigration. But last it admitted that there had been a marked increase recently in the number of Israelis leaving the country.

"Emigrants are now boasting about leaving rather than being ashamed as before," said one of the speakers at the meeting, Prof. Ephraim Urbach of Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Urbach, a professor of Jewish studies, said that "the problem is in Israeli society and its declining values at home and in the school."

The Jewish Agency said that even more disturbing than the numbers of those departing was "the quality of the people involved." It said 60 per cent of those who recently departed were between 20 and 40, many of them highly educated persons, who had held extremely productive jobs in industry or the professions.

Estimates of how many Israelis now live abroad often run much higher — last summer one agency said there were 400,000 in the United States, and estimates of the total abroad range as high as half a million. Those who depart nearly always say they are going on a trip, and then worked quietly to transfer their property here to their new country of residence.

Long lines of Israelis wait for visas at the consular section of the American embassy in Tel Aviv, where consular officials must try to decide whether those who apply for tourist visas ever plan to return. All must show round-trip tickets and convince the consular representatives that they do not intend to stay in the United States. Only those with guaranteed jobs can get a U.S. "green card," which entitles them to live and work there. The others go as tourists and once in the United States try to remain and work illegally.

Israel's triple-digit inflation, high taxes and comparatively low wages make living abroad seem attractive. Israelis work six days a week. A secretary may make \$60 a week, a doctor twice that.

Iran gives loans to marriage seekers

TEHRAN, Dec. 28 (OFNS) — Long queues of young Iranians formed outside the Iranian government's Financial Services Institution building here last week on the first day of a new scheme to give loans to those wanting to get married. Commenting on the scheme, Tehran Radio urged newly-weds to "increase the population" in view of the fact that Iran had vast empty territory.

The first stage of the procedure is to fill in the application for a *qarz-ul-hassaneh*, a loan which is interest free, in accordance with Islamic principles. The loans can be paid back when the couples' financial circumstances permit.

The loans, ranging from around \$1,400 to \$8,000, have a number of conditions attached to them. They are limited to those who have not been married before, and who are under 30 years old. Couples must show "maturity and readiness" for marriage such as eating only food for which they have "hunger and need."

Tehran Radio says the "Life Partners" program is designed to combat Western culture, which is "polluted with prostitution." Young people should make a right selection of partners "with the help of their parents."

Prospective bride and groom should enter marriage with "commitment," and "not be like Westerners, whose relations are devoid of any commitments."



DAMAGED HOUSES: Abandoned houses in the southern Lebanese village of Jirpak damaged by repeated Israeli attacks. Israeli helicopter gunships landed in South Lebanon last week and Israeli troops clashed with Palestinian commandos in the area. Eight persons, including an Israeli soldier, were reported killed in the attack.

Kissinger visits Cairo for talks

CAIRO, Dec. 28 (AP) — Henry Kissinger, former U.S. secretary of state, arrived here Sunday to hold discussions with the Egyptian government. Egypt is his first stop in what has been called a private visit to the region, reportedly to assess the prospects for a comprehensive peace. Kissinger is said to be making the trip with the blessings of President-elect Ronald Reagan and his chosen Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

During his week-long stay here Kissinger is scheduled to meet with President Anwar

Sadat, Vice President Hosni Mubarak, Foreign Minister Kamel Hassan Ali and Defense Minister Gen. Ahmad Badawi.

Sadat has freed himself Monday to spend the day with Kissinger.

Kissinger's proposed role in U.S. efforts to mediate a Mideast peace is a mystery. Carter's special envoy to the Middle East, Sol Linowitz, last week recommended that Kissinger take over his job. After Cairo, Kissinger leaves for Tel Aviv.

Political leader murdered in Syria

DAMASCUS, Dec. 28 (R) — A prominent Syrian political leader was shot dead in Damascus Saturday night and an official statement blamed the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood for the killing.

The statement said Darwish Azzouni, a founder member of Syria's ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party, was murdered by "the gang of criminals." The fundamentalist Muslim group has been blamed for a wave of anti-government violence here over the last two

years. Azzouni, 56, was a member of the Syrian government delegation which accompanied President Hafez Assad to Tripoli earlier this month for talks with Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi on plans to merge the two states.

A former military judge, he was also a leader of the Progressive National Front (PNF), which comprises all parties and organizations represented in the government.

2 Moroccan jets downed--Polisario

ALGIERS, Dec. 28 (AFP) — Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas claimed Sunday that they shot down two Moroccan jets and captured one of the pilots Saturday in fierce fighting that began in the disputed Western Sahara near the border with Morocco on Wednesday.

The first plane, an American-built F-5 fighter, was shot down near Ross Lahmeira, in the Ras el Khanfir region, according to a communiqué released by the guerrillas here. It named the captured pilot as flight Sgt. Hassan el Mazi.

The second plane, according to the communiqué, was shot down the same day in the town of Skalykia, in the same border zone. The communiqué said the fighting, which

began on Dec. 24, was still continuing Saturday. It spoke of enormous Moroccan losses in men and material.

In Rabat, the Moroccan army said Saturday that it had inflicted heavy losses on Polisario guerrillas in an all-day battle in the Western Sahara on Wednesday.

An army communiqué said Moroccan troops had killed and seriously wounded dozens of guerrillas who attacked a garrison at Ross Lahmeira. It put Moroccan losses at two dead and 200 wounded.

The guerrillas are fighting to establish their Saharan Arab Democratic Republic in the phosphate-rich territory, which Morocco took over in two stages after Spain relinquished control in 1975.

520 Libyans said killed in Chad war

CAIRO, Dec. 28 (Agencies) — Over 500 Libyan soldiers were killed in the recent fighting in Chad, the daily *Al-Ahram* reported here Sunday. The newspaper, which takes the official Egyptian line, claimed that Benghazi airport was closed for three days while Soviet-built planes repatriated 520 Libyan bodies from Chad. The paper did not pinpoint the dates of the shutdown.

Thousands of Libyan troops have been credited with helping Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei win a civil war against dissident forces. The official position in N'Djamena and Tripoli is that Libya sent

technicians into neighboring Chad. In another development, U.S. officials in Cameroon said that important communications equipment and codes have been recovered from the heavily damaged American embassy in N'Djamena.

The two-story building was evacuated when fighting broke out in the Chadian capital across the Chari River in March. It is located in the section of the city that was controlled by forces backing former Defense Minister Hissene Habre until his defeat in heavy fighting Dec. 15.

BRIEFS

CAIRO, (AFP) — Egypt has closed Egyptian airspace to planes from the Algerian national airline Air Algérie, the semi-official daily *Al-Ahram* said here Sunday. The move extends an earlier order closing Egyptian airports to all Air Algérie planes.

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin Sunday accepted the resignation of Yitzhak Mordechai as minister of communications — the seventh resignation since the cabinet was formed in June 1977. Mordechai will however remain in the government as energy minister, a post he also held.

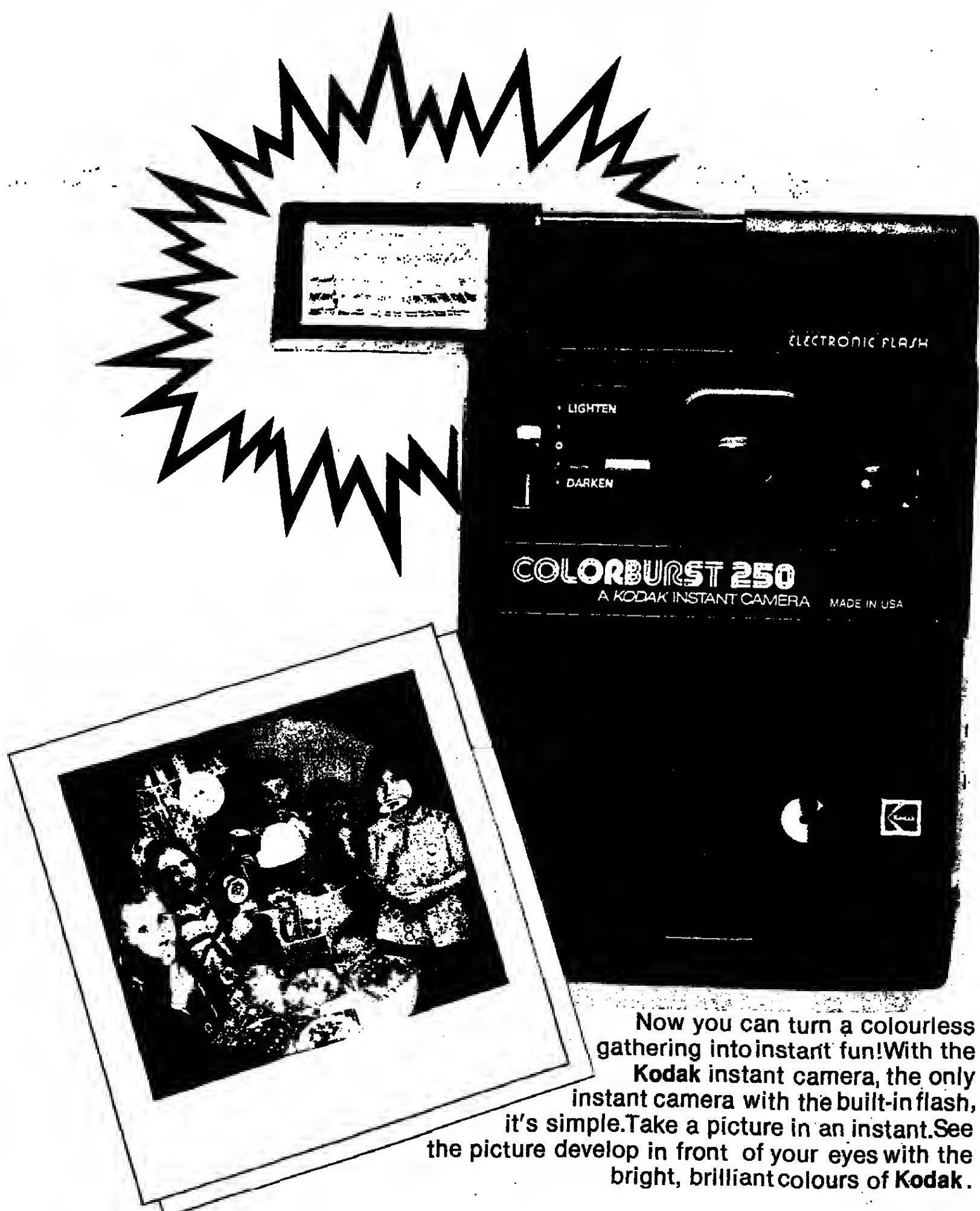
CAIRO, (R) — A spokesman for one of the Eritrean freedom fighter movements fighting for the independence of the Red Sea province said in Cairo that two Sudanese were killed in an Ethiopian air raid on a refugee camp in northeast Sudan earlier this

week. Taha Nour, Cairo-based spokesman of the Eritrean Liberation Front- People's Liberation Forces (ELF - PLF), said Ethiopian planes raided the camp at Ayet, 80 kilometers inside Sudanese territory, on Dec. 23.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Israel hopes to close deals with Mexico and Colombia next month to export its fighter planes, Israeli sources said Saturday. The sales would be the first exports of the jet fighter that Israel developed early in the 1970s which it has been trying to sell abroad for at least five years. The number of planes and the value of the deals were not disclosed.

DACCA, (AP) — A joint Bangladesh-United Arab Emirates ministerial commission meeting in Dacca Saturday decided to set up four working groups to explore expanded relations between the two countries, it was reported here.

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change in top positions

Liverpool held again

LONDON, Dec. 28 (R) — Liverpool held their second goalless draw in 24 games to retain their precarious hold on the top of the First Division soccer leadership today.

Following their uninspired performance at Chester United Friday they found the visitors' defence unpenetrable and failed to break the net for the second game in succession.

They remained at the top when their challengers, Aston Villa and Ipswich, secured just one point apiece away from home.

Ipswich drew 2-2 at European champions Nottingham Forest while a late penalty from

John Wark earned Ipswich a 1-1 draw at Arsenal.

Liverpool and Villa are both tied on 34 points from 24 games and although their goal difference is identical the defending champions keep top place because they have scored more goals.

Ipswich are just one point behind but have the cushion of two games in hand over their two rivals.

Villa looked set to take over the undisputed lead when they led Forest 2-1 with just four minutes remaining. But a lapse of concentration in defence allowed midfielder Martin O'Neill to snatch the equaliser.

The visitors had gone ahead in the 16th minute when Forest defender Larry Lloyd, attempting to block a shot from Gary Shaw, merely succeeded in turning the ball past his own goalkeeper.

England international Trevor Francis sent Forest to level at the interval, however, when he scored his second goal in three games since his comeback from an Achilles tendon injury which kept him out of football for seven months.

Shaw finally notched the goal his efforts deserved when he put Villa ahead with his 16th of the season in the 67th minute, and they looked set for victory until O'Neill's late equaliser.

Ipswich, famed for their flowing, attacking football, spent most of the game fighting a dogged rearguard action at Arsenal.

Alan Sunderland shot the home side ahead in the 36th minute and they always looked likely to increase that lead until Wark's 70th minute equaliser from a penalty.

European footballer of the year Kevin Keegan celebrated his return to the Southampton side after missing six games through injury with a seventh minute goal against lowly Leicester.

Keegan's early strike inspired Southampton who added three more in a stunning five minute burst in the first half.

Graham Baker made it two from a penalty in the 24th minute, Charlie George added another in the 28th, and Steve Moran took the tally to four just 60 seconds later.

Leicester were no doubt relieved to leave Southampton without receiving further punishment.

Tony Coton, Birmingham's 19-year-old reserve goalkeeper, will be well-pleased with his first-team debut. He saved a penalty from Sunderland's John Hawley as his side went on to win 3-2.

Tottenham goalkeeper Ojija Aleksic was less fortunate. He was carried off with a suspected broken leg in the 72nd minute of the match at Norwich with his side leading 2-1 at the time.

England international midfielder Glenn Hoddle took over in goal but found himself picking the ball out of the net ten minutes later after being beaten by a Kevin Bond penalty. The game ended 2-2.

Soccer Results

First Division		Cambridge vs Sheffield Wednesday — postponed	
1	Ipswich	3	Swansea
2	Sunderland	0	Bristol City
3	Crystal Palace	0	Derby
4	Leeds	1	Grimsby
5	Wolverhampton	2	Nottingham
6	Everton	1	Wrexham
7	Aston Villa	1	Queens Park Rangers
8	Leicester	2	Oxford
9	Coventry	0	
10	Manchester United	1	
11	Tottenham	2	

Second Division		Scottish Premier Division	
1	Blackburn Rovers	1	Celtic
2	Luton Town	4	Hearts
3		2	Park Rangers
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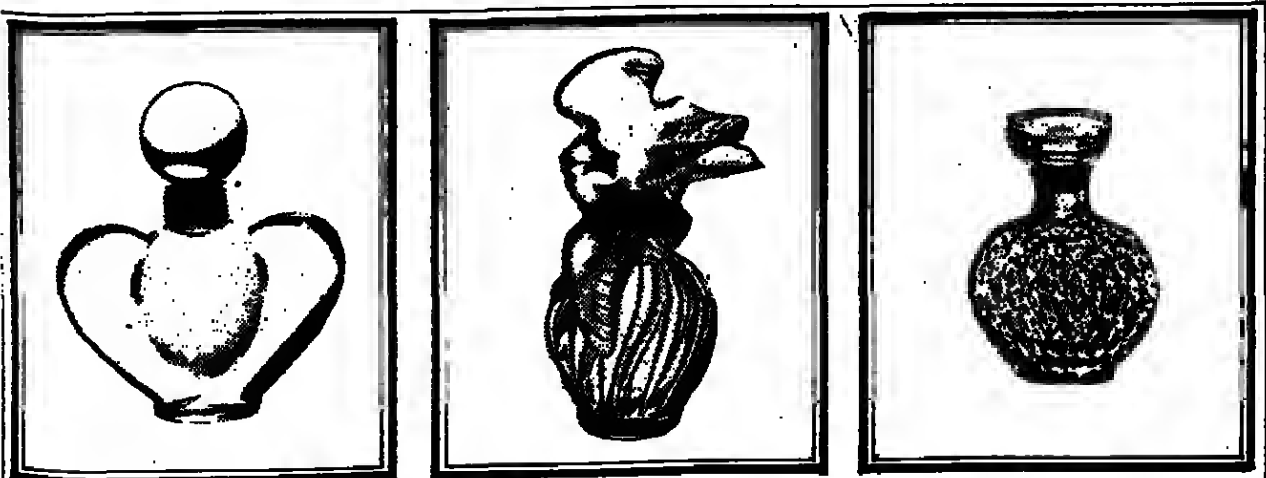
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AREAD: Alan Sunderland, who put Arsenal ahead against Ipswich, seen beating John Bailey (Everton) to the ball in a previous league fixture.

With fifth wicket stand

N.Z. continues fightback

MELBOURNE, Dec. 28 (AFP) — Half centuries by John Parker and Geoff Howarth Sunday hauled New Zealand back into contention in the third day against Australia at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

When torrential rain stopped play at 1428 local time (0358 GMT) on the third day, the Kiwis had moved their first innings total along to 251 for six wickets in reply to Australia's first innings total of 321.

Although only two days' play remain, a result is still well on the cards because of the deteriorating wicket.

Gerulaitis loses

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 28 (AP) — Australia's Brad Drewett has promised so much for so long, but when he topped fourth-seeded American Vitas Gerulaitis in the first round of the \$350,000 Marlboro Australian Open Saturday, he had as many hearts fluttering as when he reached the semi-finals here in 1976.

Ahli loses 5-1

Majed leads Nasr to victory

By Momin Mohammad

JEDDAH, Dec. 28 — Nasr retained the second position in the Saudi Arabian football league by crushing Ahli 5-1 Friday in Riyadh, while Itihad remained third after its defeat to Hilal Thursday. Qadisiyya, which was competing for the first place last week, fell to the fourth after losing to Shabab in Jeddah Friday.

Itihad drew with Jabalain 1-1 in Hail Friday, and Nahda defeated Riyadh in Riyadh Thursday.

Ahli's heavy loss to Nasr was the surprise of the week, even Qadisiyya's defeat to Shabab, after consecutive victories over Ahli and Nasr, was little expected. The first half of the Ahli-Nasr encounter was faster and better than the second. Nasr dominated the game from the beginning, but Ahli was not an easy prey, until the 18th minute when Majed Abdullah scored for Nasr. He maneuvered Ahli's defense and put the ball into the net with a powerful left kick. Ten minutes later, Majed scored the second goal and his team played more confidently.

Ahli's attacks were all unfinished as the lack of understanding among its forward became more evident. Except for Amin Dabu who had to reach Nasr's goal single handed, others seemed to be playing together for the first time. Their lack of cooperation, as most of them are young players promoted into the team, coupled with Ahmad Saggar's deteriorating performance accounts for the team's recent failures.

Ahli's only goal came in the 28th minute of the first half from a corner kicked by Zenon, a Brazilian, into Nasr's goal, and was diverted by Jamal Hamza into the net. Ending with that result, the first half had no indication of what was in store in the remaining 45 minutes of the game.

In the nine minutes of the second half, Nasr's Yusuf Khamis scored the third goal when Ahli's defenders thought he was offside. Ahli's hopes for drawing sank then as Nasr's forward led by Majed Abdullah displayed its superiority. Darwish scored the fourth in the 43rd minute when Majed Abdullah distracted Ahli's defense and passed the ball to his team mate. Two minutes later, he took on all Ahli defense players, even Adil Rawas, the goalie, and walked with the ball into the empty net.

Majed, who scored three goals in Friday's match only, holds the single scorers record with 17 goals. Tammim Hazmi of Itihad comes second with 10 scores.

STANDING	G	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts.
Hilal	11	6	3	2	28	14	15
Nasr	11	6	2	3	32	20	14
Itihad	11	4	5	2	22	10	13
Qadisiyya	11	6	1	4	18	18	13
Ahli	11	4	4	3	16	16	12
Nahda	11	4	4	3	17	18	12
Itihad	11	4	3	4	18	16	11
Shabab	11	4	3	4	18	16	11
Jabalain	11	2	2	7	8	24	5
Riyadh	11	1	1	9	5	30	3

Gavaskar hits second century

India gives test warning

BRISBANE Dec. 28 (AP) — India's batsmen, led by diminutive Sunil Gavaskar and the dashing Sandeep Patil, Sunday gave clear warning that the coming three-test series starting in Sydney next Friday was not going to be another Australian carve-up.

The masterly little opener Gavaskar, hit an impeccable 108 at the Brisbane Cricket Ground on Sunday against a Queensland attack led by Jeff Thomson and Geoff Dymock, both striving to re-establish test berths.

Then Patil flogged a hard-hitting 92 not out and at close of play on the third day India had reached a second innings total of 337 for seven after Queensland had closed overnight at 259 for nine and trailed by 49 on the first innings.

Gavaskar at no time tried to assault the Queensland attack, concentrating on vital batting practice on a perfect pitch against such notables as Thomson, Dymock and the up-and-coming Carl Rackemann.

Yet Gavaskar, with Gundappa Viswanath rattled up 50 in 75 minutes, then with Patil he added 50 in 69 minutes for the fourth wicket.

Viswanath, anxious to re-discover his form after a string of low scores, also put together a timely innings of 47. And India's young star, Patil, demonstrated the tourists' depth by dominating a fifth wicket stand of 100 in only 71 minutes.

But the Indian innings was fashioned against the background of Gavaskar's century — his second of the tour.

As in the first innings, Gavaskar provided the key to India's sound early position after Queensland veteran, Dymock, broke through at 44.

Queensland then turned to Rackemann to terminate Dilip partnership with Vengsarkar after 19 minutes.

Vengsarkar failed to heed Gavaskar's example. He was so distracted by a bounce from Rackemann he sacrificed all early caution next ball and was caught flashing outside the off stump.

Rackemann toiled away in conditions tailor-made for batting and added Gavaskar and Viswanath to his tally to finish with three for 109 from 27 enthusiastic overs.

Thomson occasionally reached express pace, but generally gave the in-form Indian batsmen little concern until his last spell when he burst through to take three wickets in six balls.

India pressed home the advantage with an entertaining display late in the day from Patil and Kirti Azad. The adventurous Patil had 13 fours and one six in an innings the Queenslanders were powerless to stop.

Kirti was equally aggressive and he cracked Trevor Johns right out of the ground in one of the biggest hits seen here before hitting four more boundaries in his 40.

The Indian camp indicated the innings would continue on Monday to allow Patil to



Sandeep Patil got the eight runs necessary for his century. Meanwhile, Queensland captain Geoff Dymock said the pitch was playing well and his team had every chance of batting out a draw, if not winning.

Italian soccer stars cleared but quick comeback doubtful

ROME, Dec. 28 (R) — As a citizen, Paolo Rossi can hold his head high. As a brilliant footballer idolized by millions of Italians, he has a further 18 months of soul-destroying inactivity to endure.

Rossi and 16 other soccer stars are still banned from playing despite the fact that a state court cleared them this week of any part in the bribery and betting scandal that convulsed the national sport last season.

The verdict was greeted with tears of relief in the courtroom, bafflement in bars up and down the country and silence from by the Italian Football Federation.

The Federation gave no hint whether the fierce punishments it imposed last summer on the players and seven clubs would be lifted or reduced.

"This verdict repays me for months of bitterness, disappointment and slanders. It should shorten my ban," Rossi said, voicing the hopes of all the players.

But the players may be indulging in wishful thinking, and ignoring the vital distinction spelled out by the judge who acquitted them, saying they had "no case to answer."

"It is clearly highly possible that sporting laws are different from state laws," said Judge Marco Battaglini.

In line with the Italian legal system, the grounds for Mr. Battaglini's decision will not be published for several months. But a member of the soccer disciplinary commis-

sion which probed the scandal, lawyer Antonio Lombardi, implied that the verdict would change nothing.

"Our rules are designed to protect a sports event from any external or internal interference, whereas the state system must punish criminal offences," he said.

In other words, the players did not commit a crime, but they allegedly broke the extinguent regulations in Italy governing betting on matches — which can only be legally placed through the state totocalcio pools.

The scandal erupted last March, when two backstreet Rome bookmakers said they bribed top players to fix eight first and second division matches.

The Federation believed the accusations, suspending players for up to six years, relegating the mighty Lazio and A.C. Milan clubs to the second division and sentencing five other clubs to a five-point penalty in the current championship.

For the clubs, the punishments were a financial hammer blow, compounded by the general drop in attendances this season as tens of thousands of fans have turned their backs on a sport suddenly branded as "bent."

But the players suffered even more as their world of adulation and luxury living suddenly caved in. Even their career details were taken out of the official soccer almanac.



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POLISH CRISIS EASES

As the independent trade unions begin skirmishing with their new, unexpected opponent, the Catholic Church, the internal situation in Poland, especially where it concerns the availability of food in the shops, begins to ease.

The improvement is due, to a great extent, to the rationing system which is now in operation. There is in fact a view that the shortage of meat which contributed to the workers' revolt in the country was never real. The quantities available on the market, while never over abundant, were always adequate. The shortage was caused more by panic buying than anything else. Without increasing the meat production therefore, the rationing system was seen as a solution to the problem.

The easing of this situation has given all parties to the Polish dispute time to turn to other problems. Major among these is the concession wrung from the Polish government by the worker of a five-day working week. The government is saying now that it cannot come up with this, and is offering alternating five and six-day weeks instead.

The primary cause for concern now for Poland as a whole is the cost of the months of industrial disruption and its deleterious effect on the Polish economy as a whole. The government, aside from its real motives when it made its many original economic concessions, can tell the workers that their disruption of the economy is one reason why some of these cannot be met.

The workers, for their part, are showing signs of realizing the weight of their responsibility to the country's economy: a weight placed on their shoulders by their success in obtaining freedom to organize themselves and look after their own interests.



Mugabe steers a dangerous course

By Colin Legum

For how long, and how successfully, can Prime Minister Robert Mugabe maintain his firm control over the competing forces trying to bend Zimbabwe to their own interests? Failure of Mugabe's mission of unity would not only deepen the already bitter racial crisis in the southern tip of Africa, but would almost certainly lead to an international crisis as profound for the West as the situation in the Gulf after the collapse of the Shah.

Mugabe sees himself as both mediator and revolutionary. While he is determined to bring about root and branch changes in present Zimbabwe society, he wants to do so without disrupting its highly promising economy — for which he needs white as well as black support. It is a very tall order, but Mugabe believes he can pull it off. His confidence is impressive, but is it deceptive?

The sense of confidence is communicated even before one enters his large office, previously occupied by Ian Smith, Sir Roy Welensky and Lord Malvern. The prime minister's personal secretary — a white Zimbabwean who filled major posts under the Smith regime — enthuses about his new boss. "We are extremely lucky to have a man like Mr. Mugabe," he says. "He is wonderful to work for." But didn't he believe, along with the rest of his colleagues, that Mugabe was a Communist terrorist? "You must understand," he replies, "that we were all victims of propaganda."

This tends to be the standard reply of all white Zimbabweans and there is a striking similarity between their attitude and that of the Kenya settlers after Jomo Kenyatta came to power. In a single speech to white farmers, Kenyatta converted their hatred into adulation. Similarly, with his first speech on becoming prime minister, Mugabe became overnight the man on whom all white hopes were pinned. Whites now believe that so long as he is able to maintain himself in power, all will be well.

But in Zimbabwe, as in Kenya, transfer of allegiance to "a fine African" has not altered fundamental white attitudes and beliefs. Both races go to the same cinemas and bars, but whites line up along one counter and the blacks alongside another, neither taking notice of the other.

There have been surprisingly few racial incidents, but the few that have occurred are endlessly recounted with the suggestion that these are the kind of things whites are now expected to put up with, since they can no longer expect protection from the police and courts.

Many whites speak of leaving if things become too uncomfortable but it would not be easy for most of them to do so. With strict exchange control, they would have to depart virtually penniless, exchanging a high standard of living for a new start in life. The average exodus is about 1,400 a month — no higher than in the last years before independence —

and most of those are soldiers, policemen, artisans and clerks.

Leaders of commerce and industry and big farmers believe that, provided Mugabe remains, the country's opportunities are limitless. Local industrialists are enthusiastically investing in expansion, encouraged by a growth rate expected to reach 7 per cent by the end of this year. There are already 200 more white farmers than a year ago.

Farmers have been greatly encouraged by Mugabe's firm decision to retain and strengthen the commercial sector of agriculture, which produces 85 per cent of the country's foreign exchange earnings. Mugabe's aim is to develop the country's two-tier system of agriculture by raising the level of peasant agriculture and the number of independent black farmers closer to the level of the white commercial sector.

Agrarian reform will come in stages. For the next two years the priority is to ensure that peasants produce enough to feed themselves. Thereafter, Mugabe will concentrate on developing coopera-

tive farming, but his travels in Africa and the Communist world have taught him that, while cooperative farming is necessary, peasants everywhere still wish to have their own piece of land to cultivate.

Speaking in his very soft voice, so that one must strain to hear him, Robert Mugabe outlines his policies with well-paraphrased logic. The starting-point of his economic program is to accept the reality of the capitalist structure he has inherited, and the need to encourage foreign investment. He lists the changes he envisages: State control of some key industries, but no large-scale nationalization; state participation in important sectors such as mining; workers' committees in factories.

He believes the majority of Zimbabweans can be relied on to support his policy of careful change. This judgment is, of course, crucial in evaluating the likely strength of those militants in his own party who protest that progress is too slow, that the whites are still having things too much their own way, and that there must be a drastic shake-up of the present system.

Edgar Tekere — the minister cleared of murdering a white farmer — is the leading spokesman of this group. He has the support of two or three other ministers, but they have not sought to challenge Mugabe directly and would undoubtedly lose if they tried to do so.

However, they could grow in influence if Mugabe fails to deliver on jobs, housing and education. Mugabe is clearly not interested in disciplining this wing of his party. His characteristic method is to convince by endless persuasion. That alarms the whites, who would like him to sack Tekere and his likes. This attitude displays little understanding of the careful course the prime minister needs to steer between black and white expectations.

Mugabe's primary concern must be to maintain the unity of his government, which includes two senior white ministers, the opposition ZAPU of Joshua Nkomo, and his own ZANU. ZANU is itself sensitively balanced between differing Shona clans and in the long run these conflicting Shona interests could prove the most troublesome of all. — (OFNS)

Why U.N. relief fails

By Peter Deely

One hour's flying time from the center of the Italian earthquake region, the Geneva-based United Nations Disaster and Relief Organization is sitting on a \$4 million annual budget for directing international rescue efforts and disaster-prevention schemes. The relief agency has no representative in Italy. The government has refused to let it in. In October, when about 5,000 people died in the Algerian earthquake, the relief agency was again absent. Algeria had said no.

Its role then, as now, was confined to that of messenger boy, passing on to voluntary agencies and other governments the immediate needs of the survivors. Yet the reason for its existence is, in the words of a three-man U.N. investigative team, "the more effective relief of human suffering." That team has just produced, on the personal orders of Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, a scathing 20,000-word confidential report on the work of the relief agency.

Parts of the report have been leaked but the full text is now in the possession of *The Observer*. It exposes for the first time the agency's ineffectiveness either in helping disaster-prone peoples to plan against earthquakes or floods or in saving lives when disasters happen.

The U.N. "detectives" indict the relief agency at almost every level. They criticize it for being unable to lead disaster efforts, failure to carry out relief coordination work, inability to develop major projects, and for not undertaking research.

The report says the agency's "groping start" in 1971 had blurred its image and weakened its stand-

ing with other relief agencies and its ability to coordinate U.N. responses to disasters. Many governments had chosen to turn down the relief agency's offers of assistance "because they doubt its role and competence."

Nations which were known to be vulnerable to disasters complained that they wanted more direct contacts and innovation from the agency: donor countries (those which give aid) considered that the relief agency's "relatively large staff had attempted much but accomplished little." It began with a staff of six and a budget of \$400,000. Today the budget has increased tenfold and the staff now numbers 50. The report is equally critical of the agency's internal running and expenditure.

The coordination office had been conceived by the U.N. as the "dynamic nerve center" of projects. The investigators reported that it was empty for long periods except for two information officers "and as a stop for visitors."

Two field radio sets had been bought in 1975 for \$110,000. They had only been used once — unsuccessfully — and had since been in storage. Travel expenditure is also scrutinized. In the last four years, only a quarter of nearly 400 trips had been to disaster-prone areas for assessment or technical cooperation. Seventy-three per cent of trips had been to lectures or liaison meetings in the developed world.

The investigators commented that reports from these latter trips "are usually cursory or unclear or not on the file at all."

The agency's communication costs have been running at about \$60,000 a year. The investigators discovered that many non-urgent telex messages

had been sent at full commercial rates rather than through the cheaper U.N. communications system. The report notes the original mandate given to the agency was too imprecise to give a clear picture of what it should be doing.

Larger than the agency, with more money, "they have carved out their own areas, programs, clientele and interests," the report comments. As a result the agency had participated in an important way in only 10 per cent of about 50 major disasters in the past five years. Its total of relief aid in 1978-79 amounted to just over \$2,500,000, about 1 per cent of all aid to disaster victims.

On its inability to do pre-planning for disasters, the report says: "With the possible exception of a rescue boat project still under implementation in Bangladesh, no other project has emerged in six years' work. Many disaster-prone countries will lack plans or preparedness units" and the agency's impact was "hardly discernible."

Because of the agency's failures, no international disaster prevention strategy yet existed and the report adds that it was not even clear whether the agency's work had in any way reduced waste or inefficiency in relief administration. The investigators say they met pressure to abolish the agency. They have recommended, however, the need for a reshaped national disaster focal point organization.

The agency should stay, they say, with the staff cut by half, with its responsibility for "gradual" disasters such as famines withdrawn and with costs, like the proposed spending of \$40,000 on air conditioning for the Geneva offices, pared back. Their proposals will be considered by the General Assembly next year.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Sunday used banner head lines to report the tumultuous welcome accorded King Khaled upon his arrival in Qasim Saturday. They said there were warm meetings between the monarch and the citizens, while the King reiterated that "our religion is our faith and our system of rule."

Newspapers frontpaged Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's meeting with Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) to discuss preparations for the upcoming Islamic Summit Conference in Mecca. In a page one story, *Al-Nadwa* reported that the Arab Reconciliation Committee would meet in Riyadh before embarking on a tour of Jordan, Syria and Iraq. Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani's statement in Colombo that Saudi Arabia's aids to emerging nations exceeds assistance from the industrialized West received front page coverage in *Okaz*. *Al-Riyadh* frontpaged a statement by the Turkish ambassador to the Kingdom in which he was reported to have said that Turkey would exert every effort at the Islamic summit to preserve the interests of all member states.

Newspaper editorials continued to highlight the events connected with King Khaled's visit to Qasim, which began Saturday. *Al-Riyadh* said in an editorial that the King's meeting with his people was historic, as it mirrored past traditions of the Kingdom's leaders. With each visit, the monarch opens a new page in the history of this vast land whose people had shown full sincerity and loyalty to the unifier of the young

state and had pledged to God to continue with the same resolve and sacrifice, it said.

Impressed with the royal visit, *Al-Jazirah* observed that the King was overwhelmed with a vast multitude of his people who came out to express their sentiments of love and loyalty, which proved that they are determined to uphold national unity and would challenge any obstacle coming in the way of progress and development. The rising wave of the crowd also symbolized their thanks and gratitude to God first and then to their leader for leading them on the road to development and prosperity. The paper described the meeting of the monarch with his people as an epic in national history.

On the same subject, *Al-Madina* reiterated that the King's meeting with his people is a manifestation of work as well as celebration of the state's achievements. The meeting augurs well for more development, prosperity and industrialization in the country, said the paper, adding that every age of Saudi rule has characteristically worked the welfare of citizens. The paper said with enthusiasm that the people of Saudi Arabia hold their monarch in great esteem and admire him for undertaking the strains of travel and keeping permanent interest in the welfare of his people.

In an editorial, *Al-Bilad* noted that the Islamic faith has been the basic pillar of every development ever since the Kingdom was established. It is only through faith and the divine laws that the country's leaderships have achieved stupendous accomplishments.

The paper gave prominence to the King's reaffirmation that "religion is our faith," and said that his stance at a time when the world is on the brink of destruction gives vast dimensions to the stage of development and progress within the framework of Islamic solidarity and the unity of Arab ranks. It reaffirmed that the Kingdom's strong relations with the Arab and Islamic world symbolizes a spirit of solidarity and fraternity based on lofty ideas and principles. In a reference to the forthcoming Islamic summit conference the paper said it would give further strength to the Islamic world so that it upholds its grand history and civilizations as a true standard before the people of the civilized world.

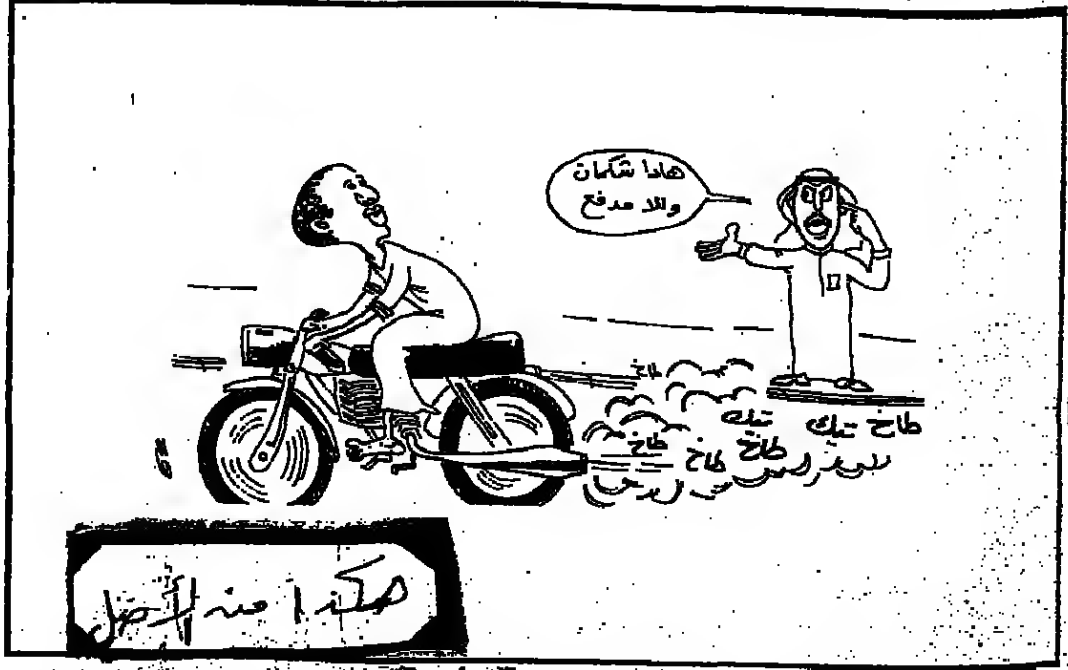
Okaz expressed confidence in the country's leader's concern for the progress of the Saudi Arabian society would be no less than their concern for the affairs of the Islamic world. The present stage urges everyone to understand the meaning and importance of faith and action, in order to be able to combat destructive currents and alien ideologies, the paper said. It added that the Islamic faith shows the right path to confront all challenges that lie before the Islamic world today.

Al-Nadwa noted that the throng of people who emerged to accord a big welcome to King Khaled have demonstrated their deep love and link with their leader. The meeting also renews the pledge that work will continue on the path of development under the banner of Islam. The paper highlighted the monarch's happiness with his current visit, especially

as he has been keen to acquaint himself with the achievements and with the needs of his people.

Al-Yom said the King deserved his people's love and their grand welcome for all he is doing for them.

for the Islamic nation and for the humanity at large. The paper said the monarch has been anxious to serve Islam and Muslims and to bring them to a level compatible with their sublime faith.



"Booming like a cannon, eh?"

Al-Bilad

Ball rewards campaign workers

New view for Reagan on inauguration day

By David M. Maxfield

WASHINGTON — When Ronald Reagan is sworn in as the 40th president of the United States on Jan. 20, he and the notables gathered on the platform will look out over the sweeping federal city vista designed by Pierre L'Enfant in 1791. It will be a new Inauguration Day view.

For the first time in American history, the inaugural ceremony will be held at the West Front of the U.S. Capitol, with its panoramic view down the mile-long National Mall to the Washington Monument and the Lincoln beyond.

This will mark a long-awaited switch from the traditional swearing-in site at the East Front, a location facing a paved plaza and a loop of access streets.

The change will give many thousands more Americans than in the past a direct view of the ceremonies. At best, 100,000 or so could be crowded into the East Front area whereas an estimated half-million or more will be able to gather on the slope of Capitol Hill and the Mall for the oath-taking and speeches.

There is practicality in the re-location as well. The new site causes fewer construction demands than the old, and, says Sen. Claiborne Pell (Democrat-Rhode Island), member of the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies, the United States will "save a good deal of money" as a result.

Beginning with Andrew Jackson's great day in 1829 when the planners decided to move the ceremony from inside the Capitol to the steps outside, 35 inaugurations have been

held at the East Portico. The last was Jimmy Carter's in 1977. To explain why it took so long to move around to the more handsome and spacious setting on the west requires a word about the changing appearance of the nation's capital.

Quite simply, until the 20th century, the National Mall was a mess. Railroad tracks crisscrossed the area only a few yards from where the next president will be inaugurated, a shanty town once existed nearby and a neighboring redlight district completed the seedy scene.

In 1901, Congress decided it was about time to clean things up and return to the master design for Washington, D.C., envisioned by L'Enfant. But even by the 1930s, the Mall rejuvenation was far from finished. Then World War II came along and up went rows of dreary "temporary" office buildings that once again altered the intended ceremonial landscape. Through all this, the East Front kept its special honor until the decision to move west was made in 1980.

Of course, since the first inauguration in 1789, presidents have taken the simple 35-word oath of office prescribed by the Constitution in a variety of places — the Senate and House chambers (the last time in 1912), the East Room of the White House (Gerald R. Ford, 1974), on board Air Force One (Lyndon B. Johnson, 1963), a farmhouse in Vermont (Calvin Coolidge, 1923) and, oddly, at Brown's Hotel in Washington (John Tyler), following William Henry Harrison's death in office in 1841.

George Washington himself took the oath on the balcony of Federal Hall in New York City, the first capital of the United States. By his own account, the retired general was reluctant to leave his Mount Vernon home when called by the nation's first voters to serve as president. He felt, Washington wrote a friend, not unlike "a culprit who is going to the place of his execution."

But Washington's rendezvous with history was set. As inaugural historian Francis Russell has written, whether the newly adopted Constitution and its new Congress would endure or fall apart seemed to depend on the general. "Washington was indeed the father figure, more revered and honored than loved familiarly, a republican with the dignity of a monarch, standing above shifting opinions and party strife, a symbol of all Americans."

Congress, meanwhile, had been working on the inaugural arrangements, and on April 30, 1789, a week after Washington arrived in New York, the ceremony originally scheduled for March 4 but delayed for one thing or another, at last took place. "All the bells in the city rang out a peal of joy," a 17-year-old girl reported after the ceremony, "and the multitude before us sent forth a shout as seemed to rend the skies."

What the general was wearing that day is of particular interest to historians and collectors. He was attired in an American-made brown suit trimmed with metal buttons stamped with an eagle in relief, white silk stockings, low shoes and silver buckles with a steel sword to the side. It is the buttons that set a style for future years; they were the forerunner of all later inaugural special mementoes — ribbons, badges, medals, buttons.

If later generations were to adopt this style,

they soon departed from another. The first inaugural address was delivered — not in public as it is today — but behind closed doors to the combined Houses of Congress meeting in the Senate chamber. It was Jackson, the frontier populist, who moved the ceremony outside in 1829.

The content of the later addresses also differed from Washington's largely because of his unanimous electoral support in 1788 and again in 1792.

Something of a catharsis for the American people, inauguration speeches usually serve as an act of political healing, helping to restore national unity following hard-fought campaigns.

This precedent was established when Washington decided to leave the scene and, for the first time in U.S. history, there was a seriously contested presidential election. John Adams, who defeated Thomas Jefferson, was not personally a popular figure, historian Russell notes, but in his inaugural address in 1797 he dedicated himself to work for a reconciliation of "various political opinions."

Perhaps the most familiar of all words of reconciliation, however, were those of Abraham Lincoln in 1865 just before the Civil War's end: "With malice toward none, with charity toward all... let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds."

Beginning with Washington's walk from Federal Hall to St. Paul's Church for special services, parades have been a favorite part of most inaugurations. Indeed, when Jimmy Carter surprised the nation by walking to the White House in 1977, he was reviving an old custom.

Thomas Jefferson, it now seems incredible to report, walked back to his Washington boarding house after his swearing-in to receive the citizens who came to call. Later, "to the distress of his fellow boarders," Louise Durbin writes in *Inaugural Cavalcade*, "Jefferson insisted on taking his old seat at the foot of the table — the farthest away from the fire — at a dinner attended by civic and military leaders."

The hall at the end of the inevitably exhausting inaugural day has always been a special event, but its purpose has changed over the past 200 years. During the 1800s, "they were very social, rather like cotillions," Margaret Klapthor, political history curator at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, says, but today "they have become political," another reward for people who have worked on the campaigns.

They also have become much larger. In fact, nowadays, several locations to be visited by a weary president during the evening are required for the thousands of celebrants. Though they may look glamorous from afar, one social observer cautions: "It's wall-to-wall people. You don't ever see anyone you know. And at most there's not even any room to dance."

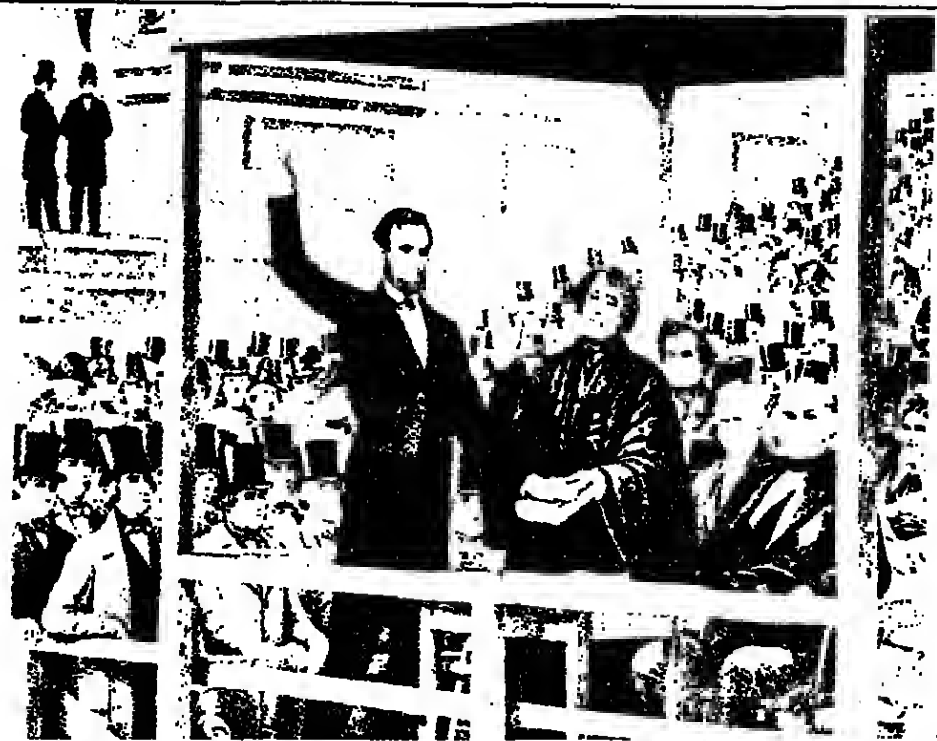
While the inaugural ball now seems here to stay, during the 1910s and then the 1920s, of all decades, no galas were held. Woodrow Wilson felt they were incompatible with the seriousness of the day, the Hardings and Coolidges were in mourning and Hoover, a Quaker, wasn't interested.

Some inaugural balls have been bigger hits

London professor to address nature group

JEDDAH — Professor R. Cook of Bedford College, London University will address the next meeting of the Saudi Arabian Natural History Society, which will take place at 8 p.m. on January 10 at the U.S.G.S. compound north of Spencer's restaurant off Medina Road South.

The Professor will speak on "Applying desert geomorphology to desert development," and the lecture will be followed by a show of slides made on a tour of North Yemen by bus and taxi. Members are asked to note that this meeting replaces the usual lecture on the first Saturday of each month.



than others, of course, with William Henry Harrison, James Buchanan and Grover Cleveland, among others, the hosts at what history concludes were elegant occasions. But Andrew Jackson's White House reception for "his fellow citizens" was another matter, now legendary for the rout that occurred. For starters, "men with muddy hoots stood on damask satin-covered chairs and orange punch drenched the furniture to the accompaniment of breaking china and

crystal," Durbin writes. How do the presidents themselves view these festivities? Jefferson, who had arrived early at James Madison's ball on March 4, 1809, asked a friend to "tell me how to behave, for it has been more than 40 years since I have been to a ball." John Quincy Adams reported that the "crowd was excessive — the heat oppressive and the entertainment bad." And host Madison confided to a friend: "I would rather be in bed."



Masters paint bottles-on inside

TAIPEI — Glass snuff bottles painted on the inside are among the most treasured items in the collection of the National Palace Museum in Taipei. The one pictured is about 2 inches high and one inch wide, and decorated on the inside with a polychrome illustration done by the reverse painting technique through an opening only a quarter of an inch wide. Only a few craftsmen were capable of such work.

To prepare the bottles for painting, diamond sand and small steel balls were

placed inside and shaken for several hours to scratch the surface of the glass, a process which allowed the paint to adhere. Artists used a bamboo pen or an animal hair brush. During the painting process, the bottle was held upside down to capture as much light as possible, and sometimes a mirror was used to provide further illumination.

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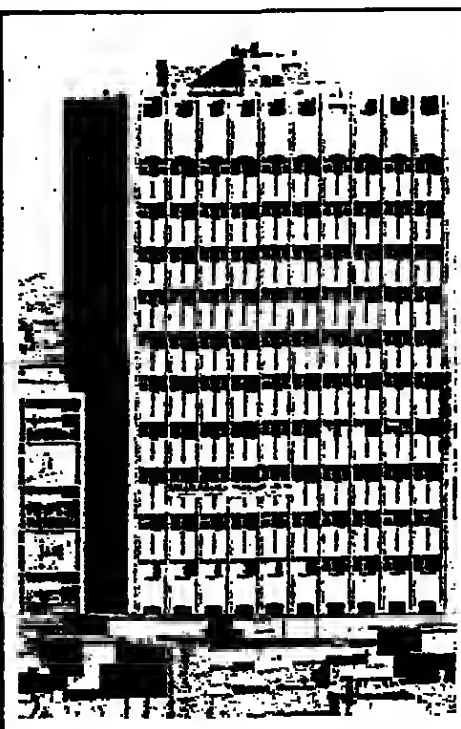
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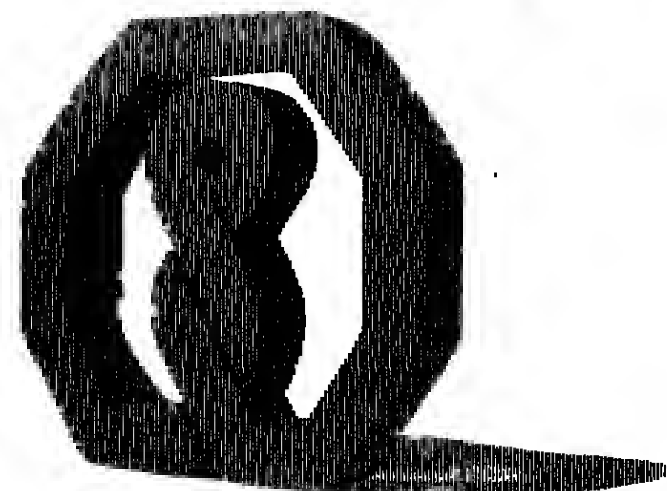
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Denies bowing to Brigades

Italy to close high-security jail

ROME, Dec. 28 (AP) — The government said Saturday it will close a maximum security prison but insisted it was not bowing to the demands of the Red Brigades terrorists who kidnapped a high-ranking judge. "I insist in underlining the autonomous character of the decision," Premier Amalio Forlani told a news conference after confirming that his government had long planned to shut down the prison on L'Asinara Island off Sardinia, where members of the Red Brigades are held. However, the Christian Democrat premier added, "Our consideration must be the pre-

servation of human life."

Two weeks ago the Red Brigades, Italy's most feared leftist terrorist gang, abducted Judge Giovanni D'Urso, who was in charge of transferring terrorists to a handful of special prisons around the country. Although the kidnappers have issued no specific terms for D'Urso's release, they have demanded in a series of communiqués that the L'Asinara facility be closed.

An estimated 25 convicted members of the Red Brigades are reportedly held in solitary

confinement at the fortress-like prison on a windswept island. The government's confirmation came hours after the Socialist Party, a partner in the Forlani's four-party coalition, called for the prison to be closed "for humanitarian reasons."

The question of closing the prison recalled the debate when the Brigades kidnapped former Premier Aldo Moro in March 1978. Moro was killed after the government refused to release imprisoned terrorists as demanded.

Reduced fares proposed

Travelers, airlines hurt by Europe sky rules

BRUSSELS, Dec. 28 (LAT) — When an airliner takes off from Brussels Airport for Zurich only 255 miles to the southeast, it heads first toward the east. Then, near the Belgian-Dutch border, the plane swings in the proper direction, but goes well beyond its target. By the time the plane lands in Zurich, it has covered at least 369 miles, about 47 per cent more than the most efficient route.

Another plane, flying from Brussels to Athens, will pass through half a dozen different countries' air traffic control systems. The

pilot will change radio frequencies 17 times in the 3-hour and 10-minute flight.

These problems — devious routing and an archaic, hodge-podge air control network — make some commercial air trips in Europe three or four times as expensive as comparable flights in the United States. Add to those problems the inefficiencies inherent in the many state-owned European airlines, the lack of competitive ticket prices and sporadic labor disputes, and the result is one of the continent's angriest quarrels between con-

sumers and the regulators of public services.

"Air travel in Common Market countries is a luxury for European consumers because fares are abnormally high," the European Consumers Bureau asserted in a recent public statement. "The main reason for this is that national airlines fix fares and commercial conditions through bilateral and multilateral agreements and abuse their dominant position."

Despite the efforts of the consumer groups and business organizations angered by the high costs of sending their executives around Europe, the Common Market commission has postponed its drive to reduce fares.

Applications by two aggressive private operators — Sir Freddie Laker and British Caledonian Airways — to initiate American-style, cut-rate ticket selling in Europe have been denied. Even the dream of a single Europe-wide air control at "greater cooperation" among individual countries.

With gasoline prices rising again and many U.S. airlines suffering substantial financial losses, European airline officials have pointed out that the Americans probably went too far in cutting their fares. But European airlines, despite their high fares and substantial protection from competition, are also having a rocky year.

The Scandinavian Airlines System, often considered one of the most efficient in the world, recently reported its first annual loss in 18 years. KLM — the Royal Dutch Airlines — is on the borderline of profitability and has reduced its fleet. British Airways, the largest European carrier and operator of the largest international system, has lost \$40 million so far this year.

When such big, strong companies catch colds, the smaller outfits catch pneumonia. Sabena, the Belgian national airline, will lose more than \$50 million this year and Icelandair, the small, private carrier that pioneered low-cost transatlantic flights, had to accept subsidies from the governments of Iceland and Luxembourg to maintain its long routes.

The airlines' critics say that sharper competition and lower fares should attract more customers and more than pay for the cost of such policies. In the absence of a continent-wide regulatory agency, air fares in Europe are set by negotiation between countries. Revenues from routes are usually shared by the carriers operating them.

However, if the European airlines want to compete for Transatlantic flights, they have to conform to U.S. rate regulations and must meet American standards. Each country has jurisdiction over its air services so that when aggressive competitors, like British Caledonian and Laker Airways, ask permission to operate outside their native soil, they have problems. The governments that have authority over airfields also own their own airlines, in most cases, and do not relish cut-rate competition.

After failing to win approval for a series of bargain-priced routes from London, Alastair Pugh, managing director of British Caledonian, warned, "Those governments, authorities and other airlines with entrenched views against low fares cannot stem the tide of mounting consumer pressure and powerful opinion forever."

Rebuffed in its efforts to get the Common Market commission to act on lower fares, the European Consumers Bureau has decided to appeal to the European Court.

The basic treaty that created the Common Market bars price-fixing and anti-competitive actions by the member governments. "We are talking about the Common market being a free trade area," said Laker, who has also threatened court action. "We have legal opinion that says we are right."

Giscard avoids bomb

POINTE DE PITRE, Guadeloupe, Dec. 28 (AFP) — A bomb explosion at the airport here injured one man and caused extensive damage a few hours before French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing was due to pass through.

Airport officials, who closed the buildings to the public after the blast, said the bomb was apparently hidden in a left-luggage locker near the main arrival hall. A man resting in an armchair near the locker was hurt in the log. Windows were blown out.

Giscard d'Estaing, his wife Anne-Aymone, and two of their children, who are on vacation on this French Caribbean island, were due to leave the aircraft for a short visit to the neighboring islands of St. Martin and St. Barthélemy, but officials said they would not have gone near where the bomb was placed.

Amusement 'scientific'

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 28 (AP) — Three educators who are tired of seeing students' boredom at the word "science" are conducting experimental lessons at an amusement park.

When the junior high school pupils in the program ride a roller coaster, they laugh and scream just like other kids. But when they get off, the educators report, they have a greater appreciation of gravity and new enthusiasm for the study of science. "Too much theory is being taught in the classrooms. Kids need to learn how to apply it," says Howard Jones, a professor at the University of Houston.

That's where the Texas "cyclone" comes in. After a ride on the Houston Astroworld's giant roller coaster, the youths are asked about wind velocity and what they felt as the coaster sped along.



(AP photo)
INAUGURAL CONSTRUCTION: A workman hauls timber toward the foundation for a reviewing stand to be used in the Jan. 20 inauguration of Ronald Reagan in Washington. In the background is the White House.

Racial tensions flare

French wreck foreign hostel

PARIS, Dec. 28 (R) — Racial tensions in France caused by the influx of foreign workers flared last week when residents in a working-class suburb wrecked a hostel newly occupied by African immigrants.

No sooner had the 300 workers from Mali moved in than local people broke into the premises, cut the gas and electricity supplies, smashed the heating boiler, and used bulldozers to block exits with piles of earth according to official reports. The incidents at Vitry, in the so-called Red Belt of Paris, also focussed attention in the months before the presidential election in April on the Communist Party's handling of the immigration issue, which has become particularly explosive as unemployment rises.

Municipal officials in Vitry denied eyewitness reports picked up by national newspapers that Communist Mayor Paul Mercier directed the raid. The mayor was unavailable for comment, but his deputy said: "The people of Vitry are just fed up. Out of every 10 inhabitants, two are immigrants."

In a speech on Dec. 15, party leader Georges Marchais reaffirmed Communist policy on immigration — a ban on further admissions and a more even distribution of those already present so the immigrants are

not concentrated in already overcrowded industrial districts.

He accused the government of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of imposing apartheid by creating immigrant ghettos in working class suburbs. The Vitry incident arose from a squabble between two municipalities over where the immigrants should be housed. The social services department charged with finding accommodation for foreign workers decided that the Malians should be moved from dilapidated premises in nearby Saint Maurice to the hostel in Vitry, despite strong objections by the mayor.

The evening newspaper *Le Monde* said in an editorial that the Communists were right in arguing that foreign workers should be spread more equitably throughout the nation, and that big concentrations of immigrants created racial tensions. "But the means used by the Communists are beyond all bounds. Violence against innocents has never advanced a cause," it said.

The government is already offering repatriation bonuses of \$2,250 as an inducement to immigrants to return home, and industrial firms are offering additional bonuses. Interior Ministry figures show there are over four million foreigners in France, about 7.7 per cent of the population.

Bokassa asks Paris for support

PARIS, Dec. 28 (AFP) — Ex-emperor Jean-Bedel Bokassa has asked the French government to back him in a call for a United Nations inquiry into events in the then-Central African Empire last year's his lawyer revealed here.

Bokassa was ousted in a French-backed coup d'état in September 1979 after an African commission of jurists decided that he had "almost certainly" taken part in a massacre of schoolchildren earlier that year. He is now in exile in the Ivory Coast.

Earlier this week the dictator was sentenced to death in absentia after a trial in Bangui, capital of the Central African Republic, on charges including murder, cannibalism, concealing corpses and embezzling public funds. Bokassa's lawyer, Genoffre de la Pradelle, said that his client had written to French Foreign Minister Jean François Poncelet asking for support for a request to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim for an international commission of inquiry.

The letter, delivered to the minister's office Friday, evokes a French tradition of defense of human rights and the ex-emperor's status as a former officer of the French army with military honors, and asks the French government to pass his request on to Waldheim.

He said in the letter that the former emperor had been condemned before international opinion without being able to present a defense. The letter went on, "My 23 years of service under French colors, the policy of the Central African state of friendship toward France, and — I dare to say — the very personal ties between myself and the president of the French republic and his family, have made me decide to address France in order that, in the face of the world, justice be done."

Chinese 'monster' escapes gunman

PEKING, Dec. 28 (AFP) — A man nearly killed the "Chinese Loch Ness Monster" in August close to the Sino-Korean border, a Peking newspaper reported.

Piao Longzhi, an employee of the meteorological station of the Tianchi Lake in Jilin Province, was ready gun in hand at dawn on Aug. 23. Several people had seen a "monster" twice the previous day and earlier sightings had already reported in the Chinese official press. Piao opened fire when the head of the "monster" surfaced in the middle of the lake. Several bullets hit the water after grazing the head and Piao said the monster immediately swam off and then dived.



(AP photo)
OFFICIAL TABLE: Czechoslovak President Gustav Husak, right, meets West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher at a gaily-decorated table in the presidential residence at Prague. Genscher was on an official visit recently.

Guatemala left admits kidnap-murder

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala Dec. 8 (AP) — A leftist guerrilla organization Saturday said it kidnapped a Spanish skater-owner and later "executed" him because the family could not pay \$3 million in ransom.

The Revolutionary Party of Central American Workers said in leaflets the abduction and slaying of Salvador Benitez Nieto, 0, was part of its revolutionary war against Gen. Fernando Romeo Lucas Garcia's rightist regime. Benitez Nieto, owner of the fashionable Europa Bakery in the Guatemalan capital, was kidnapped at gunpoint by an unidentified group of men Nov. 18, but his family kept the kidnapping secret and did not notify police for weeks, hoping it would save his life.

The family only managed to raise \$60,000

a police spokesman said Saturday. Acting on an anonymous telephone tip, firemen Thursday found a bullet-riddled body abandoned in a city garbage dump. Relatives later identified it at the general hospital morgue as that of Benitez Nieto.

Relatives and a few friends buried Benitez Nieto in a quiet funeral at a local cemetery Friday. The Revolutionary Party is one of four guerrilla organizations seeking Romero's overthrow with bombings, kidnappings and sporadic attacks on military installations. The guerrillas want a Marxist regime in Guatemala, and have been humed down by rightists within the military and security forces.

Hundreds have been shot dead in gunbattles or abducted and killed in the clandestine violence between leftists and rightists this year.

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Japan companies going bankrupt

TOKYO, Dec. 28 (AP) — Japan's economy is troubled by an alarming number of bankruptcies among small and medium-sized companies which form the backbone of the nation's phenomenal postwar economic growth.

There were 1,631 business failures in November, with combined debts of 255 billion yen (\$1.2 billion).

Tokyo Shoko Research Ltd., a business advisory company, which tabulates business failures, said almost 18,000 companies will go broke this year, making 1980 the second worst year in history, following the 3,471 failures in 1977.

Almost all are small and medium-sized enterprises, with 50 to 150 workers. Unlike automotive and electronics giants, they have been swamped by surging energy costs and falling consumer demand. "The appreciation of the yen against the dollar, rising fuel

costs, and growing competition from developing nations — they all combined to drive us in a hole," said Mitsuo Shimizu, accountant for the Kyoei Electric Manufacturing Co. which went under this fall.

"We started to feel the pinch in 1977," said Shimizu, whose company was formed in 1960, amid an economic boom, and made a name as an exporter of tape recorders and radio cassettes.

Led by the big export industries, Japan's economy has weathered the oil shocks and stagnation of the 1970s. Government forecasts put economic growth in fiscal year 1981 at 5.3 per cent, up from a projected 4.8 per cent this fiscal year and well ahead of other Western countries.

The rise in consumer prices is expected to be less than 7 per cent this year, and will drop to 5 per cent in 1981, the government says. Big industry has learned to move to the beat of a slower drum by reducing employees, conserving energy, coordinating closely with the government and convincing labor to accept lower annual raises.

They have also stayed ahead of the game by what the Japanese call "cutting their tails," removing such expendable elements as the small company satellites which depend on big industry contracts. "Small companies were hit hard by the rationalization of big industry after the 1974 oil crisis," said Shunichi Nakao, chief of the bankruptcy policy section of the small and medium enterprises agency.

Other factors in the recent rash of bankruptcies, Nakao said, are the belt-tightening of consumers whose real incomes have leveled off or dropped, and the government's fiscal austerity policies which have clamped down on public works projects, a bad blow to the construction industry.

Many critics say the nation's banks, many affiliated with industrial conglomerates, and the big business-oriented government have ignored the struggling little man.

The government has begun a counselling program to help smaller companies and has increased the number of "hardship industries" such as textile makers eligible for low-interest government loans, but Nakao acknowledged their efforts are not always enough.



ESCAPE: Officers "escape" from their "ditched helicopter" in a water tank in Scotland. This new Helicopter Underwater Escape Trainer (HUEET) simulates with vivid realism the experience of being a passenger in a helicopter making forced landing in the sea and teaches the escape procedures. Designed and built at the Robert Gordon Institute of Technology's school of Hydromechanical Engineering in Aberdeen, the HUEET can carry up to six persons at a time.

From overkill

Peru fishmeal industry shuts down

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 28 (AP) — Fishmeal factories stand silent and empty along the Peruvian coast, the small, silver fish which once supported the world's leading fishing industry.

The verdict is in: overfishing in the 1960s and the 1970s reduced the anchovy population to such a level that it is unlikely to fully recuperate.

The Ministry of Fisheries estimates there are some 2 million tons of anchovies left in the Peruvian sea, less than one-tenth the amount which used to supply most of the world's fishmeal for poultry and hog feed.

The ministry prohibited anchovy-fishing at mid-year along the 1,400-mile (2,250-km) coastline, except for a 150-mile (225-km) stretch north of the Chilean border.

"We won't touch them for several years," Fisheries Minister Rene Deusua said in a recent interview with the Associated Press. "No one knows if this biomass will some day recuperate. But what is known for sure is that the population will never again reach the levels of the past."

Deusua said the number might grow to 5 million metric tons, enough to permit "a very limited catch."

"We ought to have declared an anchovy emergency," Deusua said, when the catch dropped from a high of 14 or 15 million tons in 1971 to 3 million tons in 1973. "Fishing should have been prohibited for two or three years. Now it's a little late."

Deusua said the vacuum created by the disappearance of the anchovy will be filled by the sardine, which has a higher economic and food value. "The logical thing is to utilize the sardine exclusively for canned and frozen products and to restrict fishmeal production from the leftovers of the canning process and from the temporary fishing of other species...which are abundant," the minister said.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Friday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.85	8.86
Belgian Franc (1,000)	107.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.80	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	171.00	172.60	172.40
Dutch Guilder (100)	157.00	—	158.25
Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.45
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	91.00	91.00
French Franc (100)	74.00	74.30	74.10
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	75.00	—
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	42.40
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	9.50	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	36.00	36.50	36.40
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.00	—	16.10
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.88	10.82
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.26
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	92.40	91.90
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	81.50	81.86
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.70
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.50
Pound Sterling	7.90	7.97	7.96
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	91.70	91.60
Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.58
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	42.00	42.00
Swiss Franc (100)	189.00	189.50	189.80
Syrian Lira (100)	—	77.00	85.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	44.00	—
U.S. Dollar	3.33	3.335	3.34
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	73.05	73.25
Gold kg.	—	65,200.00	—
10 Tola bar	—	7,600.00	—
Silver kg.	—	—	—

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Kuwait minister says

Crude prices to hold line

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Dec. 28 (AP) — Kuwait's oil minister was quoted as saying Sunday he didn't expect any increase in the oil prices set in Bali by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) until its next meeting in May.

Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah was quoted by the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) as adding that the pressure of an emerging oil surplus in the market might be sufficient to prevent any price increase before next May. MEES quoted the Kuwait Minister as explaining that most OPEC members would opt for a deemed market crude price of \$35 per barrel, within the permissible band of \$32 to \$36 per barrel set during OPEC's meeting in Bali earlier this month.

African producers would settle for \$40 per barrel, rather than the allowed maximum of \$41, Sheikh Ali was further quoted as saying. Sheikh Ali was quoted as saying OPEC was

not supposed to discuss prices again until its next ordinary conference at the end of May in Geneva.

Asked whether the Bali ceilings were meant to hold until the May meeting, Sheikh Ali was quoted as saying: "Hopefully yes. The intention is to hold three prices and not go beyond them until the mid-year meeting. And, given the anticipated pattern of supply and demand, it is unlikely that anything will happen at this meeting to remove these limits. A lot of us are expecting a surplus in the market by then."

Sheikh Ali was quoted as explaining the expected surplus would not be enough "to exert downward pressure on these present prices, but at least sufficient for these prices not to increase."

"That is to say there is likely to be pressure on the prevailing prices, but not enough to bring about a reduction or break in official price levels," he was quoted as adding.

But inflation to stay

U.S. recession to recover

PARIS, Dec. 28 (LAT) — The economy of the United States should recover from the present recession slightly faster than the rest of the non-Communist industrial world, but high inflation and unemployment will persist well into 1982.

These are general conclusions found in the annual winter economic outlook produced by the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development, which included the 24 major industrial countries in the non-Communist world.

The OECD projected performance rates of the world economy 18 months into the future, and concluded that its total membership region would grow at 3 percent a year. This pace, however, would not be large enough to prevent world unemployment from growing to 25.5 million from the present 23 million.

The OECD staff, using what it considered a reasonable assumption of new economic policies to be initiated by the incoming Reagan administration, suggested that growth in the United States might be at the rate of 3.5 percent a year by the first half of 1982, but that inflation could be running at 10 percent by then.

If its forecast should prove to be correct,

only Japan among the largest OECD members would be growing at a healthy rate of 4.75 percent, and the other major countries would be behind the United States.

The OECD forecast assumes a world oil price increase for 1981 of about 10 percent, close to the figure agreed upon recently by the members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Given the level of world inflation, such an increase is negligible in true economic terms.

Gambia, Morocco split \$42m loan

KUWAIT, Dec. 28 (AP) — The Kuwait Fund for Arab economic development on Saturday granted a \$42 million loan to be divided between Gambia and Morocco, banking sources here said. The Moroccan National Bank will receive \$30.5 million to finance banking operations over the next two years and to subsidize industrial projects in the North African country. The loan is to be paid back over a period of 16 years at an interest rate of 6.5 per cent and carries a four-year grace period.

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Municipality of Mecca	Supply of office furniture	18	100	Dec. 29
Ministry of P.T.T.	Cleaning of offices and other places of the ministry	22/400/401	100	Jan. 11
Ministry of Agriculture and Water	Group (S) of water extensions in the Eastern Province, covering Shamia, Jararah, Jazwa, Amghar Basman, Suwaira, Unam Shafiah and Qarya Al-Sufa	401	800	Dec. 31
" "	Group (K) in Qassim district, including Dhahran, Al-Shuqqa Al-Ulya, Al-Shuqqa Al-Sufa and Al-Maiga	44/8	600	Jan. 3

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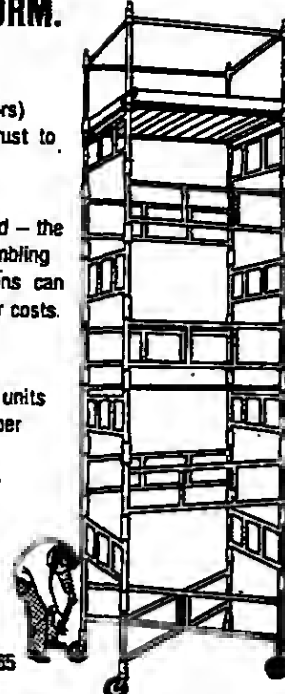
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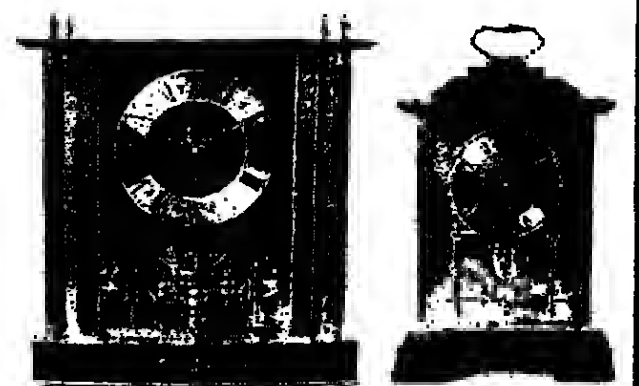
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Karmal asks negotiations Soviets denounce attack on embassy

TEHRAN, Dec. 28 (Agencies) — The Soviet Union, responding to an attack Saturday on its embassy here, has called the Afghans who did it "thugs" and "boogymen" and said they caused "considerable material damage" in the building.

According to some reports, as many as 5,000 Afghan exiles rushed the gates of the Soviet compound in downtown Tehran, hurling rocks and tearing down Russian flags. They were driven back by Islamic revolutionary guards wielding iron bars.

In a report from Moscow, the official Tass news agency denounced the attack as an "outrageous provocation."

The Tehran demonstration was staged to mark the first anniversary of Soviet entry into Afghanistan in support of Marxist politicians. Nonviolent protests were held in New Delhi and various Pakistani cities, also by Afghan exiles.

Tass also lashed out against Egypt for urging Afghanistan's neighbors to increase shipments of arms to insurgents battling the Soviet-backed regime of Babrak Karmal. The call amounted to "interference in the internal affairs of democratic Afghanistan," and was inspired by "overseas provocations," Tass said.

Egypt had appealed to Arab and Islamic countries to reinforce the Afghan Mujahideen materially and morally and said the Soviet presence in Afghanistan was a threat to the security of the Gulf, President Anwar

Sadat's call came in a statement broadcast on Egyptian television on his behalf by the deputy prime minister and foreign minister, Kamal Hassan Ali.

Egypt, which began sending light arms to the insurgents soon after the Soviet airlift last December, announced recently it would send more weapons to the resistance.

Karmal, celebrating his first anniversary in office, called upon Pakistan and Iran to begin negotiations with his government. Kabul Radio, monitored in New Delhi, Saturday night, quoted Karmal as saying, "We want to live in peace with our neighbors and solve our problems through negotiations."

"We once again propose to Pakistan and Iran to sit down at the negotiating table and solve problems by peaceful means," the Soviet news agency Tass quoted him as saying.

Kabul Radio, however, made no mention of a strike called by anti-Soviet insurgents in the Afghan capital to coincide with the anniversary of Soviet intervention in their country.

Tass reported from Kabul the opening of a conference of "the national and patriotic forces" of Afghanistan. The meeting was attended by some 1,500 delegates representing workers, peasants, clergy and tribal groups as well as party and government leaders, Tass said.

The agency said Karmal acknowledged "serious damage to industry, agriculture, transport, schools, health institutions and other branches of the economy" inflicted by the anti-Communist forces. But Karmal told the delegates the Afghan people and their Soviet allies have "overturned the plans of international reaction." The Soviet union and Afghanistan contend the Afghan insurgency is fomented by "counter-revolutionary" forces in Pakistan, Communist China and Western nations. One of the stated aims of the current Kabul conference is "the repulsion of intrigues plotted by imperialism and Chinese hegemonism."

Moscow has said the Marxist government of Hafizullah Amin, who was killed in last year's coup, had asked for assistance. Soviet officials have said Soviet forces would be withdrawn when what they called outside "interference" in Afghanistan's affairs ceased.

The Soviet Union has been extremely sensitive about the security of its embassy in Tehran. In July, an embassy spokesman warned that "elements hostile to the Soviet Union" intended to carry out actions against the embassy, possibly including a takeover. The spokesman demanded that Iran protect the embassy from harm.

The embassy covers a city block and is defended by brick walls and heavy iron gates. Last year, militant Iranians and Afghans staged demonstration in front of the embassy compound against Soviet support for Afghan Marxist leaders.



REFUGEES: Three young refugees from El Salvador crowd a hammock at La Virrida, Honduras, after they fled with their parents last week. More than 12,000 Salvadorans have deserted their country in recent months, seeking relief from the widespread violence at home.

Stolen or simply reclaimed?

Wandering plane leaves behind legal tangle

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28 (LAT) — The wandering 727 jetliner wasn't exactly stolen, even though it was reported stolen. At least everyone knows where it is, at an airport in New York. But just where it belongs and who was in the right depends on who is doing the talking.

The case of the missing jet began the night of Dec. 20, when a pilot named Frank Rosasco and a crew of three went to the Tiger Air Service facilities at Hollywood-Burbank Airport, boarded the aircraft and flew away. After a fueling stop in Dallas, the plane went on to Long Island, Tiger Air, believing a theft had occurred, reported the missing plane to police.

Carter cracks collarbone on ski trip

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (R) — President Jimmy Carter fractured his left collarbone Saturday while cross-country skiing down a hill in the Maryland mountains near his Camp David retreat, the White House said. Carter, 56, was flown by helicopter to Bethesda Naval Medical Center outside Washington for X-rays and an examination. But White House spokesman Rex Granum said the president returned later to Camp David. He said that Carter's left arm would be in a sling and harness for six to eight weeks, but there would be minimal interference with his routine.

Carter, who is righthanded, joked and shook hands with the hospital's staff after being taken there Saturday afternoon, Granum said. He added that Carter had fractured the same bone in a judo class when he was a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Jiang Qing dares court to kill her

PEKING, Dec. 28 (AP) — The widow of Chairman Mao Tse-tung has dared Communist China's highest court to sentence her to death and do it before a public rally. "It is more glorious to have my head chopped off" than to yield, she told the judges.

Chinese sources reported the prosecutor called for "severest punishment" for her and cited article 103 of the criminal code which calls for a death sentence in the gravest counter-revolutionary cases.

The sources said 67-year-old Jiang Qing flung down her gloves Wednesday in court as she delivered a three-hour defense state-

Polish farm union to hold mass rally Tuesday

WARSAW, Dec. 28 (R) — Poland's private farmers' union, whose militant leaders have threatened to withhold produce from the state, said Sunday it was going ahead with a mass rally in Warsaw on Tuesday to back demands for registration of the Solidarity-style organization.

The rally outside the supreme court, which is scheduled to review a lower court rejection of the farmers' application, will mark the end of a brief holiday lull in Poland's political and social crisis. It will be the first of a series of tricky problems facing the communist authorities as they enter the new year.

Other issues stemming from the emergence last summer of the Solidarity free trade union include a law on relaxation of censorship, legalization of new union freedoms, implementation of a shorter work week and introduction of nationwide food rationing. "Two other union-related problems remained as Poland prepared for 1981 — demands by Solidarity to print its own newspaper and a campaign organized by the union for the release of seven detained anti-Communist dissidents.

Many of these questions should have been resolved by the end of 1980 in accordance with government promises to strikers. But the

The view from the other side, however, is somewhat different. The jetliner is owned by Constance Leasing Co. Ltd. of Bermuda, which also has interests in the Middle East and other places. Tiger Air was refurbishing the interior, instruments and fuel tanks of the aircraft so it could be used as an executive jet. Constance said it hired Rosasco and the crew to retrieve the jet.

Andrew Connick, a New York lawyer representing Constance, said in a telephone interview that Tiger Air promised delivery of the plane on Dec. 20, 1979. Work started in February 1979, and Connick said Constance had already paid more than \$1 million toward the refurbishing.

Tiger Air, in reply, said "it was an unauthorized removal from our facilities Saturday night" and the company considers it a stolen plane incident.

The Tiger Air statement also said Constance still owes more than \$500,000 for the refurbishing. Connick countered by saying Tiger owes more than that in penalties, according to a performance clause in the contract. Also, Connick said, Tiger already had been notified that the quality of work, and the time it had taken, were unsatisfactory.

After putting the whole story together, Burbank, California, Police Sgt. David Bravoff said it had been decided the case was a civil matter best handled in the courts. No criminal charges were expected. So the jet now sits at Airesearch Corp. facilities at MacArthur Airport in Ronkonkoma, New York, under the watchful eyes of the FBI and New York authorities.

As for Rosasco, the pilot, he was located at a London hotel.

Carter had been accompanied on the skiing trip by Mrs. Carter, his doctor Rear Adm. William Lukash, and a military aide John Kline. Fresh snow had fallen and Carter went skiing in both the morning and afternoon, Granum said.

He was skiing down a nature trail when one of his skis caught a rock and he fell on his left elbow and shoulder, Granum said.

They said she denounced her accusers and China's current leadership as "revisionists" who betrayed the doctrines of Chairman Mao.

"I dare you people to sentence me to death in front of one million people in (Peking's central) Tianmen Square," the sources quoted Jiang Qing as saying to the supreme people's court.

She and her "Gang of Four" codefendants face a possible death sentence if convicted of treason, frameups and fatal persecution. Virtually all death sentences in China are carried out with a pistol by a single executioner.

The outcome of the supreme court hearing on the private farmers' union will be important because there are some three million small landowners in Poland and legalization of their movement would mean the appearance of another mass power base outside direct Communist Party control.

The application for registration was turned down in the lower courts on grounds that land owners cannot be members of a labor union. Polish party leader Stanislaw Kanis indicated in December that he did not like the idea of a farmers' union. He said the agricultural industry did not need new organizations. But the union, closely linked to Solidarity, already has de facto existence and its leaders claim a membership of more than 500,000.

Private farming has survived in Communist Poland as a feature of life which, like the strong Roman Catholic church, make the country different from its Eastern Bloc neighbors.

Rajai tells diplomats of U.S. plots

TEHRAN, Dec. 28 (Agencies) — Iranian Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai said the United States had three ways of getting back its 52 hostages but had chosen the third one, namely "to make a conspiracy against us, to intervene in our affairs," he said in a speech to the Tehran diplomatic corps, foreign journalists Saturday, he said Washington of not wanting to solve the hostage issue at all.

"This (U.S.) government deceived all people who were anxious for a solution to the problem," he said.

Rajai outlined two ways he said the United States could gain the freedom of the American captives, held for almost 14 months. One was that the U.S. could put up a guarantee to fulfill Iran's requirements, "insofar as we provide documents proving assets are real." The other was that it could pay the indisputable part of Iran's claims, leaving the hostage Iranian custody until the remainder was paid by arbitration.

Iran's Majlis originally decreed that United States must pledge not to interfere in Iranian affairs, drop all financial claims against Iran, and return frozen Iranian assets and the late Shah's wealth. Iran later said \$24 billion in financial guarantees from the United States before the hostages could be freed.

Rajai read out details of what he said was the Carter administration's latest move about the conditions, including an undertaking to return Iran's financial position to existing before Nov. 14 last year when the United States froze Iranian assets. The text he read also said the United States would cancel all claims against Iran and order a freeze on money property belonging to the deposed Shah and his close relatives.

Western diplomats said the speed with which Rajai called the meeting and the fact that he invited the foreign press suggested that Iran wanted to accelerate the negotiations.

Some diplomats at the meeting told journalists later it was extraordinary for a government to assemble envoys and journalists and state its position on such a sensitive matter. They suggested that Rajai's "alternatives" offered at least some flexibility, moving from the previous stand that the conditions were Iran's final answer.

They also said it could be significant that Rajai made no mention of possible spy work for the hostages, which has been threatened before.

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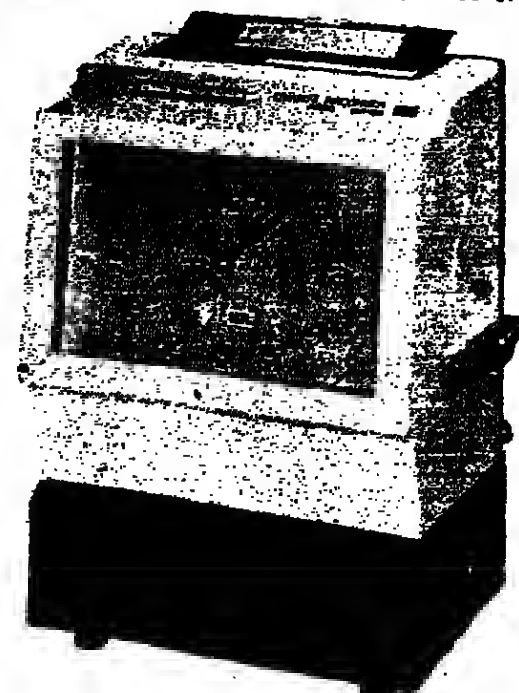
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